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MOM COMES TO DEFENCE

Janice Paul, mother of accused murderer Andre Noel Denny, holds his portrait outside Halifax provincial court on Thursday. Paul says her son is innocent in the killing of well-known Halifax gay-rights activist Raymond Taavel. Story, page 3. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Cops warn of fake guns

Cole Harbour. Boy, 12, charged after car shot at with replica weapon

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"They're becoming so hard to distinguish between real and fake."

Halifax RCMP Cpl. Scott MacRae



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Halifax police are warning local families about the dangers of BB and pellet guns after they say a child in Cole Harbour fired one of the weapons at a car with someone inside.

"The message has to get out there — kids can't be doing this, they can't be pointing them at people," Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said.

Police were called to a home on Circassian Drive just after 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for an assault call and found a youth sitting in a car. They say another boy was inside the home, and when he opened a window officers saw what they thought was a handgun.

MacRae says that's when the youth started firing the weapon, hitting the car several times.

Officers called for back-

up and arrested the boy when he came out of the home a short time afterwards.

Police then seized an Airsoft handgun and a pellet gun and charged the 12-year-old with weapons-related offences.

"What we want the public to understand is these things are still dangerous and could be perceived as real, which is what we thought (here)," MacRae said of the replica guns.

Wednesday's incident comes just days after two pellet guns were seized at Gertrude Parker Elementary School in Lower Sackville. Four people are facing charges in that case.

"Kids seem to be carrying them to intimidate other youth, for whatever reason," said MacRae. "If you pull out a fake gun, the other person just might have a real one."

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Response. Denny 'clearly is not safe,' Taavel friend says

A longtime friend of Raymond Taavel says she wants the man accused of his murder to go away for a "long, long time."

Krista Snow, chair of Halifax Pride, made the comment after learning Denny's mother, Janice Paul, told reporters on Thursday that her son was innocent of killing Taavel.

"That just makes me a bit nauseous," Snow said after hearing of Paul's statement.

Taavel was beaten to death outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street last April.

Denny was arrested nearby and is now facing a charge of second-degree murder.

He'd been granted an unescorted pass from the East Coast Forensic Hospital hours before Taavel's murder, and had not returned on time.

Snow says she understands Denny has mental-health problems but that she believes his right to treatment must be weighed against public safety.

Snow did say she's glad Denny has such a supportive mother. But, she said, it doesn't lessen the pain of losing a friend.

"I suggest that she didn't know Raymond, and loves her son," Snow said.

She says Taavel's friends and family took some comfort from the vigils and services following his death in April.

"We have closure with respect to our friend being in a better place," she said, adding there are still many unanswered questions. "Everyone's still waiting for an answer on a situation that was horrific and will be in our hearts and our minds forever."

HALEY RYAN/FOR METRO



Andre Noel Denny, accused of murder in the beating death of Raymond Taavel, makes an appearance in Halifax provincial court on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Mother says her son is innocent

Raymond Taavel death. Janice Paul blames forensic hospital for letting Andre Noel Denny out on unescorted leave

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"He should not have been allowed out."

Janice Paul, mother of Andre Noel Denny.



Raymond Taavel THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT/SHAMBHALA SUN/MARVIN MOORE

at getting justice for my son," Paul told reporters.

Denny is charged with second-degree murder in the killing of Raymond Taavel, who was beaten to death in April outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street.

Paul said yes to reporters

when asked if her son was innocent of the murder charge.

Denny, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia as a teenager, was on a one-hour unsupervised leave from the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Burnside and didn't return.

Several hours later, the Taavel beating took place, and Denny was arrested a short distance away.

His mother said Denny's friends and family knew he was "not himself" at the time of Taavel's death, and questioned how the hospital allowed him out unescorted.

"He was not well," Paul said, "The only time I (saw) him well was three days after

the alleged incident."

Donald Murray, Denny's lawyer, asked the court Thursday to postpone a fitness hearing for his client until he receives the psychiatric assessment from Dr. Hy Bloom in Toronto.

The hearing has already been pushed back multiple times, and Murray said he's not sure why the assessment is taking so long.

"As long as (Bloom) eventually makes an answer that is understandable and rational, good," Murray told reporters.

Paul said she never had any serious issues with Denny when he lived at home in Cape Breton.

"Our community knew how to keep him safe; obviously, Halifax and Dartmouth didn't keep him safe," she said.

Denny is next scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 26.

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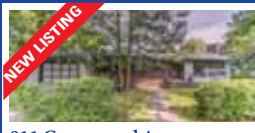
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Hazing. New Glasgow varsity team suspended

The varsity boys baseball team at North Nova Education Centre in New Glasgow has been suspended for an incident of hazing that occurred earlier this week.

Chignecto Central Regional School Board communications manager Debbie Buott-Matheson said the incident occurred Tuesday, although for privacy reasons she said she could not discuss how many students or the nature of the hazing that was involved.

The entire team has been suspended for a week and a half, which means there will

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"No one was physically harmed."

Debbie Buott-Matheson

be no games or practices in that time period. As a result the team is missing several games.

Buott-Matheson said the decision was made by the administration at North Nova and coaches. "They agreed that the best way to address this was to impose a deterrent," she said.

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Future plant. Nova Scotia Power searches for biomass suppliers

Nova Scotia Power is seeking biomass suppliers for its future plant in Port Hawkesbury.

The privately owned utility says it's looking to buy approximately 500,000 tonnes of biomass fuel.

The 60-megawatt plant, which remains under construction, is expected to be up and running by next spring.

The utility says it wants to hear from potential suppliers around Nova Scotia that are committed to sustainable practices.

It says the plant will create more than 200 full-time jobs in biomass fuel procurement, including harvesting, in addition to jobs at the plant itself.

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ATV accident. Trial date set for early 2013

A Nova Scotia man charged in connection with an all-terrain vehicle accident that put a teenager in hospital is expected to stand trial next year.

Travis Craig McDonald of Country Harbour faces two charges of impaired driving causing bodily harm and one count each of dangerous driving and criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

The 28-year-old man pleaded not guilty to the charges Wednesday in Antigonish provincial court.

Trial date

Travis Craig McDonald's trial has been scheduled for Jan. 22, 2013.

He was charged following an ATV accident Aug. 5 on Highway 316 in Country Harbour.

Police say a 19-year-old passenger suffered serious injuries when he was thrown from the ATV.

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A rendering of the proposed development. CONTRIBUTED

Quinpool Rd. plans met with concern

Multi-use complex. Building would include 28,000 square feet of commercial space and about 60 residential units

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A small but passionate group of residents voiced their concerns about a proposed development for Quinpool Road at a public meeting on

Thursday night.

The general consensus from the residents who attended the meeting at the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building was disapproval for the proposed development.

The concerns included the height and density of the building, increased traffic for the area and the precedent that was created if the building were to be approved.

The planned mixed-use development by Studioworks International would be eight storeys on the Quinpool side wrapped around Vernon

Street, then three storeys on the Pepperell Street side.

The entrance for the underground parking would be on Pepperell Street.

The building exceeds the maximum height allowed on Quinpool Road (45 feet) and Studioworks is looking to amend the local bylaw in order to build higher.

"I'm extremely upset," Dulcie Conrad, a concerned resident who lives on Pepperell Street, said at the meeting.

"It is a beautiful building, but it's not fair for the people that live on that street to

have that traffic."

Conrad said traffic in the area is already very busy and the building would have a negative impact not only on her street but also on all the surrounding roads.

"We know that change has to take place, but by the same token you have to consider the existing families there," she said.

The next step for the proposed development is for a staff report to be written up, which would include the residents' concerns, and for it to be presented to Halifax regional council.

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Atlantic Film Festival brings 'enormous buzz' to the city

'Best-of-the-best' Event wrapped up Thursday night, films drew large crowds throughout

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The final credits rolled and the 32nd Atlantic Film Festival came to a close Thursday night in Halifax.

"The event was incredible," said Wayne Carter, the festival's executive director. "From the opening gala on, there has been an enormous buzz going around the city."

According to Carter, the big hits of the festival were *The Disappeared*, directed by Halifax's Shandi Mitchell, and the documentary *Stories We Tell* by Sarah Polley.

"The *Disappeared* is just so specific to our region and it speaks dramatically to the people here," he said.

This was the first year the

festival moved to an eight-day schedule as opposed to the 10-day schedule used in the past. The shorter schedule had a great impact on the festival, said Carter.

"We achieved what we wanted, there was a lot more going on and we had more full theatres," he said.

The schedule also had a positive effect on the festival programming.

"There were slightly less films this year but the desire to see more films was there because we literally became a festival that was the best-of-the-best," he said.

The festival wrapped up with a midnight screening of the ABCs of Death, which included a segment by Dartmouth director Jason Eisener, the director of *Hobo with a Shotgun*.

"The Atlantic Film Festival is very much about local filmmakers and the local film industry," said Carter. "So we are really excited literally the last film screening features a local filmmaker."

Thursday's winners

- Best Atlantic Feature: *Blackbird* (Jason Buxton)
- Best Atlantic Short: *Better People* (Mark O'Brien)
- Best Atlantic Director: Jason Buxton (*Blackbird*)
- Best Atlantic Emerging Director: Ashley McKenzie (*When You Sleep*)
- Best Atlantic Cinematographer: Jeff Wheaton (*Gravity and Grace*)
- Best Atlantic Original Score or Song: Claude Fournier (*Last Chance*)
- Best Atlantic Sound Design: Andrew MacCormack (*Here and Away*)
- Best Atlantic Screenwriter: Jason Buxton (*Blackbird*)



Atlantic Film Festival executive director Wayne Carter poses for a portrait at Park Lane theatres on Thursday.

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Trapper hired to capture coyote



There have been several coyote attacks in Nova Scotia over the past few years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Nova Scotia government has called in a trapper to capture a coyote that attacked a 16-year-old girl in Cape Breton.

The provincial Natural Resources Department says the girl was walking along a railway track near a school in New Waterford when the animal struck her from behind and scratched her face with its paws. The animal was frightened off by a car that sounded its horn.

The girl's injuries are not

considered serious.

The attack happened near the Breton Education Centre last Friday, but officials weren't notified until this week.

Natural Resources Minister Charlie Parker issued a statement saying his staff are working with school officials to make sure safety information on coyotes is available.

"Our department is taking all necessary steps to keep the community safe."

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Home-care services. \$5 million will cut wait times in half: Government

The Nova Scotia government says it will reduce the waiting list for home-care services in the Halifax area by spending \$5 million over the next two years.

Health Minister Dave Wilson says the funding will help cut the Capital District Health Authority's 265-person waiting list by about half over the next year.

He says an additional \$1.5

million over two years will go to home-care services province-wide, such as personal care, meal preparation and housekeeping.

Wilson says the wait time in Halifax varies, but some people can wait as much as a year.

The government says 12,000 people receive home-care services in Nova Scotia.

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NewPage. Funding deal delayed but not in danger, province says

A provincial funding package considered vital to resume operations at the NewPage Port Hawkesbury paper mill is not in danger of unravelling despite delays in announcing details of the deal, Nova Scotia's natural resources minister said Thursday.

Charlie Parker said an announcement on a revamped funding deal for Pacific West Commercial Corp., which has proposed to buy the idled Cape Breton mill for \$33 million, has been delayed.

Last Friday, Parker said details of the government's revised \$124.5 million fund would be announced early this week.

"I guess we had hoped that things would come together perhaps a little sooner than they did," Parker said Thursday.

"We're hopeful that as soon as possible we'll announce the details of that restructuring."

Parker said it was unclear when that would happen. He said negotiations were ongoing with Pacific West Commercial and government lawyers were in the final stages of reviewing the deal.

The government first announced the fund last month. At the time, it included \$66.5 million in loans, \$26.5 million of which would

No more money for fund



Nova Scotia's natural resources minister Charlie Parker, shown above, reiterated Thursday the new fund would not include more money.

be forgiven if certain criteria including wage targets were met.

But the government said last Friday it would sweeten the fund after the Canada Revenue Agency rejected a tax break and power rate arrangement that Pacific West Commercial said was necessary to reopen the paper plant.

Liberal Opposition Leader Stephen McNeil said it is troubling that the government has not provided an update on its discussions with Pacific West Commercial.

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Cape Breton

Young family safe but without a home after blaze

Fire forced a family from their home in southern Cape Breton on Thursday.

The fire broke out in the afternoon at an apartment building on Queen Street in Port Hawkesbury.

There were no injuries

and the fire mainly affected only one unit.

However, a man, woman and a baby had to move in with friends in the community.

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Red Cross aid

The Canadian Red Cross has provided the family with food, blankets and infant-care needs.



A vehicle sits outside a car dealership as dikes on the Salmon River gave way in Truro on Sept. 10. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Businesses call for fix to dike, fear more flooding near Truro

Truro mayor. Bill Mills says municipal governments have agreed to approach province for help

quickest way to fix it.

"Immediately the dike needs to be rebuilt. Immediately," he said in an interview Thursday.

"Right now ... we're in big trouble if there's any substantial amount of rain."

He said eight businesses that employ about 50 people are threatened if the dike isn't repaired quickly, adding that more flooding may drive some employers out of the Truro area.

"I'm just praying they do something with the dike immediately. If not, I have no choice but to look at relocating," he said.

But Agriculture Minister John MacDonell, whose department is responsible for

Damage control

- Liberal agriculture critic Leo Glavine said the province needs to act to repair the damage as soon as possible, regardless of who owns any particular dike.
- Ross Landry, the minister responsible for the Emergency Management Office, said an overall assessment of the provincial dike system was underway.

many dikes in the area, said that dike was built by a private citizen and it isn't the government's responsibility to fix it.

"This was not ours, so we worry about them, but this was fresh water and our (dikes) are to keep the ocean back and we really can't control what other people do," he said.

"I think somebody should look at this, whether it turns out to be my department or the Emergency Measures Organization or the municipality ... Somebody got permission to build a berm along the North River and it washed out and maybe they want to go back to that individual."

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The mission began in Afghanistan. After a soldier friend was wounded, Stegemann wanted to prove that economic empowerment could undermine the country's heroin economy and the Taliban that controls it. The path led to Jalalabad, a city famous for its orange blossoms, and a struggling supplier.

"He was about to give up," Stegemann recalls. "It was a financial risk but I wanted to show that another way is possible." She invested \$2,000 and, in 2010, launched her Afghanistan Orange Blossom fragrance. The first batch sold out and she soon secured financing through the hit TV show *Dragon's Den*.

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Barbara Stegemann, founder of The 7 Virtues Beauty Inc., on female empowerment through local development



Initiatives such as Stegemann's can have a profound impact on Afghan women and children, development workers say. CONTRIBUTED/YOUSAF SALI

this brought new investment in traditional Afghan products.

"This type of foreign involvement has made a positive change for the crafts," said Waheed Khalili, director of the Turquoise Mountain Institute for Afghan Arts and Architecture. In three years, employment has grown 70 per cent in the industry, he says.

Development NGOs believe such projects can have a lasting impact. "Giving ordinary Afghans the chance to find stable, legal work allows them to plan for the future, to improve their lives and that of their children," said Fernando Soares, deputy executive director of Mercy Corps. "This helps lay the foundations for a peaceful and productive Afghanistan."

The 7 Virtues has also made female empowerment an issue. Stegemann's suppliers are leading employers of women, and the profits have helped to expand schools for girls. Stegemann wants to see more female influence at home, too, and sees her perfume as a route into politics.

The scents are becoming more ambitious. The latest blends Israeli and Iranian ingredients for an anti-war protest. Stegemann is also lobbying Israeli politicians to help her establish a Palestinian distillery. But the causes are too important for politicians alone. "Citizens have to take action," she says. "If you stay the course, you will see results."



Looking into the future: Jalalabad-based distiller Abdullah Arsala says he believes perfume-making will expand as a positive business in war-torn Afghanistan. CONTRIBUTED/ABDULLAH ARSALA

Conflict. Perfume of peace

Stegemann is not the first to create a scent with a message. French perfume maker Francois Coty used his cosmetics empire to launch a fascist party before the Second World War, and became a hugely influential political figure.

More recently, Israeli-German photographer Daniel Josefsohn created the "MoslBudJewChristHinDao" fragrance

in an effort to promote religious tolerance. The name of the fragrance was later shortened to the easier "Unifaith."

With the U.S. election campaign in full swing, the perfumers at Bliss have made it an "eau-lection" with scents for both candidates. Supporters can show their colours by choosing between "Mint Romney" and Orange "O'bama."

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Jews and Muslims alike can enjoy a whiff of "Unifaith." CONTRIBUTED/DANIEL JOSEFSOHN

Q&A

'The potential is huge'



Roses have been cultivated for centuries in Afghanistan. CONTRIBUTED/YOUSAF SALI

What is the tradition of Afghan perfume?

The first rose was distilled here and the oil has been used in Islamic medicine for centuries. The Jalalabad region was known for its gardens full of flowers and native plants, and the culture of making compounds from them.

How difficult is it for farmers to switch to perfume from poppy?

It's not easy to convince them because the poppy is quick and has more value. But the rose flowers here are the next best and the government has given subsidies for the first three years for farmers who switch, because that is how long it takes for them to bloom. If there is a group of farmers who switch together, the Taliban cannot fight them.

What is the future for your business?

Industrialized distillation is still new here and we have problems with energy and electricity. But the potential is huge and now we know the market will expand and employ more people.



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American war resister turns herself over to U.S. authorities

Seeking refuge.

Soldier living in Toronto came to Canada in 2007 to avoid service

An American soldier who sought refuge in Canada after she became disillusioned with the Iraq war has turned herself over to the United States.

The War Resisters Support Campaign says Kimberly Rivera was immediately arrested, detained and transferred to U.S. military custody after presenting herself at the border.

The group says Rivera is now waiting to be transferred to a different military facility where she faces punishment for being absent from her unit.

It also says Rivera's husband and her four children crossed the border separately so the kids wouldn't have to see their mother being detained.

The secretary to Immigration Minister Jason Kenney

Petition

Roughly 19,000 people signed an online petition protesting her deportation order and rallies were held in Canadian cities Wednesday calling on the government to let Rivera stay in the country.

has confirmed the deportation and says the Harper government doesn't believe Rivera will be persecuted in the U.S.

Rivera, who lived in Toronto with her family, came to Canada in 2007 to avoid further U.S. military service.

Ken Marciniak of the War Resisters Support Campaign says two other Iraq war resisters who were deported in the past faced year-long jail sentences for desertion.

Rivera told reporters last month that her biggest fear about being deported was being separated from her young children, and having to sit in a prison, for being against the Iraqi conflict. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A number of people hoisting placards and waving peace signs gather for an eleventh-hour protest against the planned deportation of U.S. war resister Kimberly Rivera in Toronto, Wednesday. Rivera turned herself over to U.S. authorities on Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/LUC RINALDI**

Pussy Riot. Band member's husband seeking U.S. human rights sanctions

The husband of one of the imprisoned members of the Russian punk rock band Pussy Riot wants U.S. sanctions against Russian officials involved in prosecuting the musicians.

Petya Verzilov was meeting on Thursday with U.S. lawmakers and aides involved in drafting legislation that would target Russian officials linked to human rights abuses. Verzilov is married to band member Nadia Tolokon-

nikova.

The punk band members were sentenced in August to two years in prison for performing an irreverent song mocking Russian President Vladimir Putin inside Moscow's main cathedral.

Verzilov hopes the legislation could be used to pressure Russian officials to release his wife and others.

"They are greatly afraid of having their bank accounts shut off," he said.

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Lawsuit

Pastor seeks to preach after dark

A street preacher sued Thursday to block a New Orleans ordinance that restricts religious or political speech on Bourbon Street after dark.

In his federal lawsuit, pastor Paul Gros claimed the city's "aggressive solicitation" ordinance sets unconstitutional limits on free speech.

A violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

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PQ 'bothered' by accused shooter's media access

The Quebec government is examining how accused killer Richard Henry Bain was able to speak to the media from a detention centre.

The Parti Québécois' new public security minister says he's bothered that the man accused of shooting two people at a PQ victory rally on election night had access to a radio audience.

Bain called a Montreal station on Wednesday and small snippets of a 38-minute interview were aired on English-

and French-language stations of the Astral Radio network.

The accused shooter reportedly told the network he'd had a vision from God that Montreal should become its own province and separate from Quebec. He did not want to talk about events on election night — just about his political views.

On his way into Thursday's cabinet meeting, Public Security Minister Stéphane Bergeron said he will investigate whether a prisoner

should have access to a phone in order to transmit messages through the mass media.

"It seems worrisome to me," Bergeron said. "I'll look into it and get back to you."

"The question is whether a prisoner should have access to that type of platform to express himself in the public arena."

Radio station CJAD said Bain called from the infirmary of his Montreal detention centre.

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Visit by UN officials stirs large protest led by Buddhist monks

Sri Lanka. Flocks of protesters complain country is being unfairly criticized for poor human-rights record

Hundreds of Sri Lankans protested Thursday against a visit by UN officials to discuss

human-rights issues during the country's civil war.

Monks led about 300 protesters from the Buddhist nationalist National Heritage Party during the demonstration opposite a local UN office. They complained Sri Lanka is being unfairly criticized for a poor human-rights record as the war was ending in 2009.

They alleged the visit was

a step toward subjecting Sri Lanka to an international war-crimes investigation.

Three representatives from the UN human-rights commission have met Sri Lankan officials and ethnic Tamil politicians and seen areas ravaged by war on their visit.

A UN report found evidence the government and Tamil Tiger rebels committed

rights violations during the war. It said tens of thousands of civilians may have been killed in the final stages of the fighting, though there are no clear estimates available.

The UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution earlier this year urging Sri Lanka to investigate alleged war crimes committed by both sides.

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Sri Lankan monks participate in a protest outside the United Nations office in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Thursday. CHAMILA KARUNARATHNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fashion shoot. Photo exhibit with nuns, graves causes protest by Poland

Poland protested a Ukrainian photo exhibition Thursday, featuring models dressed as Catholic nuns posing next to the graves of Polish soldiers — an incident that threatened to upset close ties between the two neighbours as Kyiv relies on Warsaw's help in its push to integrate closer with the European Union.

The protest came during a visit by Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski, who is pressing Ukraine to commit to European democratic and human-rights standards if it wants to join the European club.

On Friday, Komorowski and Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich are to unveil a memorial outside Kyiv to thousands of Polish officers killed by Josef Stalin's secret police at the start of the Second World War.

The photographs, taken by a Ukrainian fashion magazine and displayed at a museum last week, showed the women striking pro-

vocative poses next to a bare-chested young man and against the backdrop of crosses at a cemetery in the western city of Lviv. The graves are of Polish soldiers who died when Poles and Ukrainians battled for control over Lviv in the wake of the First World War.

Poland's Foreign Ministry said Thursday that its diplomats in Lviv protested "the impropriety of the exhibition, which could hurt feelings and provoke controversy" and were able to get the exhibit closed.

"It was horrible, it insults the memory of soldiers, of the state, of everyone," said Emil Legovich, a leader of the Polish community in Lviv. He speculated that the exhibit was organized by certain "political forces" in order to sabotage Polish-Ukrainian relations ahead of Ukraine's hotly contested parliamentary election next month.

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Philippines

1,000-year-old village unearthed

Archaeologists have unearthed remnants of what they believe is a 1,000-year-old village on a jungle-covered mountaintop in the Philippines with limestone coffins of a type never before found in this Southeast Asian nation, officials said Thursday. National Museum official Eusebio Dizon said the village on Mount Kamhantik, near Mulanay town in Quezon province, could be at least 1,000 years old based on U.S. carbon-dating tests done on a human tooth found in one of 15 limestone graves he and other archaeologists have dug out since last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington

U.S. gears up to sell eight Apache helicopters to Indonesia

The United States is planning to sell eight AH-64/D Apache helicopters to Indonesia.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the sale will strengthen the U.S.-Indonesian partnership and improve efforts to maintain security in Southeast Asia.

Clinton made the announcement after meetings with Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa at the State Department.

She said she notified Congress of the deal Thursday.

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Government

Wind power still controversial

A wind power developer says the federal government is treating his industry differently than it treats other energy sources such as the oilsands.

Last summer, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaak announced a \$1.8-million study on the health effects of wind turbines.

John Andrews of wind developer IPC Energy

in Ontario asked if the department was doing a similar study involving the oilsands, he was told the oilsands come under provincial jurisdiction.

Andrews points out wind power is also regulated entirely by the provinces.

The energy source is highly controversial in Ontario.

Provincial Conservatives have called strongly for a moratorium on any further development.

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CANFORGEN

Military turns off information tap

Members of the Canadian military have been told to tighten the screws and withhold information, even though it may not be sensitive or a threat to national security.

The unusual directive, known as a CANFORGEN, was written last year by the country's deputy top commander in response to a media story examining

National Defence finances.

The 2011 Ottawa Citizen newspaper story looked at lapsed funding — cash the department was unable to spend on capital projects — and came at the height of the last federal election campaign.

It was deemed to have contained "information that was not meant for wider or public consumption," but the data had not been designated either secret or protected.

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31.5% of kids in Canada overweight or obese

Report. Number of at an all-time high

Almost a third of Canadian children are either overweight or obese, says a report from Statistics Canada that bases its figures on the World Health Organization method of determining ideal weights for youth around the globe.

Using data from the 2009-2011 Canadian Health Measures Survey, the federal agency says 31.5 per cent of children aged five to 17 — or an estimated 1.6 million individuals — are overweight or obese.

The proportion was slightly higher among younger youth. Almost 33 per cent of five- to 11-year-olds were overweight or obese, compared to 30 per cent of those 12 to 17.

The percentage of kids who were overweight — but not obese — was similar across age groups.

The proportion of Canadian kids and teens who are

Boys

The study found boys are struggling more than girls to control their weight.

- **Obesity.** According to the WHO definition 15.1 per cent of boys are obese compared to eight per cent of girls.
- **Kids.** The gender gap is particularly noticeable in the five-to-11 age group, with three times more boys considered obese (19.5 per cent) than girls (6.3 per cent).
- **Teens.** The difference was less pronounced among those aged 12 to 17, with 10.7 per cent of boys and 9.6 per cent of girls considered obese.

overweight or obese has not changed much in the last few years — although experts say the level is at all-time high, and unacceptably so.

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Giffords gets shuttle flyover

Space shuttle Endeavour, sitting atop the shuttle aircraft carrier, is shown in Austin Thursday. It did a flyover of the Arizona home of Gabrielle Giffords. The ex-congresswoman, who was injured by a gunman in 2011, is married to Mark Kelly, Endeavour's last commander.

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Probation. Senator's wife pleads guilty to causing disturbance on plane



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Metro in Saskatoon

Maygan Sensenberger, 23, and Manitoba Senator Rod Zimmer, 69, are entering a new chapter in their relationship — probation.

Sensenberger appeared in a Saskatoon courthouse Thursday morning where she pleaded guilty to causing disturbance and was given a 12-month suspended sentence and probation. A second charge of uttering threats was withdrawn.

Sensenberger became the centre of attention across the country after being arrested for causing a disturbance and uttering threats on a flight from Ottawa to Saskatoon in late August, just days before the couple's first wedding anniversary.

Prosecution told the court that witnesses aboard the aircraft heard Sensenberger allegedly threatening to slit her husband's throat.

Her lawyer, Leslie Sullivan, said her client was happy the ordeal was settled.

"My client is extremely relieved this matter is over," said Sullivan.

"She has been anxious to get this concluded and she just wants to return to her home and get back on with her life."

When asked if she was pleased with the sentencing, Sullivan explained: "I'm very pleased the charge was withdrawn — as it should have been.... We wanted to deal with it expeditiously and that's what we did."

The court was told that Sensenberger had been drinking at the time of the argument and provincial judge Marilyn Gray said she felt if alcohol hadn't been involved, it would have been a different situation.

She noted that a person's good judgment sometimes goes "out the window" when drinking.

Although there was no mandatory treatment as part of the sentence, Sensenberger will have to undergo any addictions assessment, treatment or counselling that is recommended by her probation officer.



Maygan Sensenberger and her husband, Rod Zimmer, are seen together outside Saskatoon's provincial courthouse Thursday. After she was charged, a court ordered the two to only contact each other through electronic means. Now that Sensenberger has been sentenced, all conditions that were part of her bail no longer apply. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Crash site

YouTube video prompts search for decades-old remains

The 60-year-old wreckage of a Second World War-era bomber in the mountains above Metro Vancouver prompted a search by RCMP for human remains.

Mounties in Pitt Meadows, B.C., received a call about a video posted on YouTube by a group of hikers who claimed there were remains at the site of the 1953 crash.

On Sept. 14 officers, along with a forensic-identification specialist and a dog unit, flew into the area and hiked to the remote location to search.

Const. Alanna Dunlop says no human remains were found.

The Mitchell B-25 went down near Pitt Lake in January 1953 during a training flight.

The site was so remote and the route so treacherous that air force crews had to wait until the following September to recover the bodies.

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Did Russia kill one of its own? judge asks



In this 2006 file photo, the coffin of former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko is carried at Highgate Cemetery in London. CATHAL McNAUGHTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alexander Litvinenko.
Russian said Putin was responsible on death bed

A long-awaited inquest into the poisoning death of former Russian agent Alexander Litvinenko should consider whether Russian authorities were involved, the senior British judge who will oversee it said Thursday. But the U.K. government will not let lawyers

for the victim's family and the suspects see a report on alleged links between Litvinenko and British intelligence.

Litvinenko's family believes the Kremlin was behind his death from radioactive poisoning in London in 2006. The former security-service officer, a critic of the Kremlin, died after drinking tea laced with the rare radioactive isotope polonium-210 at a London hotel.

On his deathbed, he accused Russian President Vladimir Pu-

tin of responsibility.

Ben Emmerson, a lawyer for Litvinenko's widow, told a court hearing that it was vital that the inquest investigate "the criminal role of the Russian state." He said that if official Russian involvement was proved, it would constitute "an act of state-sponsored nuclear terrorism on the streets of London."

Judge Robert Owen, who will lead the inquest, said its scope would be decided at a later hearing, but indicated he

was inclined to agree it should look at Russia's alleged role.

Owen said it was "to be regretted" that no inquest has been held in the nearly six years since Litvinenko died. He said he would open his inquest as early in 2013 as possible.

The killing cast a pall over U.K.-Russian relations that still persists. British prosecutors have accused two Russians of killing Litvinenko, but Russia refuses to hand them over.

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Hazing. Wilfrid Laurier baseball team suspended

The Wilfrid Laurier baseball team will make a final pitch Sunday to save its season after being suspended by the school following a hazing incident.

The varsity men's squad was suspended for a minimum four games Thursday after the entire team participated in the incident, which violated the school's student-athlete code of conduct.

"This isn't a minor thing like having the rookie carry bags to the bus type thing," said Peter Baxter, the school's

athletic director. "Alcohol was involved, and there were other issues of dehumanizing, degrading behaviour."

"We have a zero-tolerance policy that is supported by our board of governors and president."

Baxter wouldn't give any specifics on the incident but said no one was injured. Rather than impose a season-long suspension immediately, the school wants to give players the chance to make a case for allowing them to resume playing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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National security

CSIS wary of China takeovers

The same day shareholders of a Calgary-based energy company agreed to a takeover bid by a state firm from China, Canada's spy agency is warning such purchases can pose a threat to national security. In its latest report, CSIS says the majority of foreign investment in Canada is carried out in a transparent manner, but that certain state-owned enterprises and firms with close ties to their home governments have pursued opaque agendas or received clandestine intelligence support for their pursuits.

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Missing persons

Pakistan snubs UN investigators

Pakistan's Supreme Court, military and main spy agency refused to meet a UN team invited by the government to investigate thousands of people who were allegedly detained by law enforcement and intelligence agencies and are said to be still missing.

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Catholic leader calls for stop to Israel attacks

Holy Land. Vandalism of Christian holy sites prompts Rev. Pizzaballa to voice concerns over Jewish-Christian relations

After a series of attacks by vandals on Christian holy sites in Israel, normally tight-lipped Roman Catholic officials are beginning to speak out, publicly appealing to authorities to take a stronger stand against the violence.

The Rev. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, one of the church's top officials in the Holy Land, said he is worried about relations between Jews and Christians in the Holy Land. He believes the blame can go all around.

"I think the main atmosphere is ignorance," Pizzaballa told The Associated Press.

Because the local Christian population is tiny, "we do not exist for the majority.... They have other priorities," he said.



A Catholic monk at Latrun Trappist Monastery in Latrun, Israel, on Sept. 4.
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"On the other side, we as a minority maybe didn't invest enough energy and initiatives" to reach out to Israeli Jews.

That may be changing following this month's attack on a well-known Trappist Monastery in Latrun, outside Jerusalem. Vandals burned a door and spray-painted anti-Christian graffiti on the century-old building with the words "Jesus is a monkey."

Suspicion has fallen on extremist Jewish West Bank settlers or their supporters, who are believed to be behind a series of attacks in recent years

on mosques, Christian sites and even Israeli army property to protest moves against settlements. In response, the church's top officials issued a rare "declaration" calling on Israeli leaders to take action.

It said authorities should "put an end to this senseless violence and to ensure a 'teaching of respect' in schools for all those who call this land home."

Israeli leaders swiftly condemned the attack, and police vowed to bring the vandals to justice. Nearly two weeks later, there have been no arrests.

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Miners return to work at the Lonmin Platinum mine in Marikana, Rustenburg, South Africa, Thursday. DENIS FARRELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South African police kill two more in mine strikes

Days after soldiers were deployed, South African President Jacob Zuma's office announced Thursday that he has ordered military forces to assist police trying to control labour unrest in the nation's crucial mining sector.

Despite resolution of the longest and bloodiest strike, two more deaths were reported.

Even as miners returned to work Thursday at the Lonmin PLC platinum mine in Marikana, where police killed 34 miners on Aug. 16, labour advocates said police killed two more people: a ruling-party municipal councillor who

died of injuries from a rubber bullet and a miner who was run over by an armoured car.

Zuma's office said he was invoking the Constitution to use the military to support police "in the prevention and combating of crime as well as the maintenance of law and order in the Marikana Area ... and other areas around the country where needed" until Jan. 31. The notice from the presidency referred to section 201 (2) of the Constitution, which states that "only the President ... may authorize the employment of the defence force."

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Guinea

1000s protest electoral-list fix

Thousands of protesters marched in Guinea's capital to call for the departure of South African company Waymark, which was hired by the Guinean government to redo the country's electoral list.

Police fired tear gas to disperse the marchers but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

Guinea held its first democratic election in 2010, after delaying the vote multiple times, as candidates demanded changes in the voters' register.

Since then, the country has failed to hold parliamentary elections, as the ruling party demands another revision. Because Waymark was hired by the ruling party, the opposition says that they fear it is conniving with President Alpha Conde's administration.

Opposition leader Lansana Kouyate told the marchers, "We are calling for the departure of Waymark, a company that was recruited by Alpha Conde."

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Warzone birth comes as surprise to servicewoman

Baby conceived before tour of duty. British soldier stationed in Afghanistan unlikely to face censure

Hours after a British soldier in Afghanistan told medics she was suffering from stomach pains, the Royal Artillery gunner unexpectedly gave birth to a boy — the first child ever born in combat to a member of Britain's armed forces.

Britain's defence ministry said Thursday the soldier told authorities she had not been aware she was pregnant and only consulted doctors on the day that she went into labour.

The soldier, who arrived in Afghanistan in March, delivered the child Tuesday at Camp Bastion, the vast desert camp in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province where Prince Harry is

deployed and a Taliban attack last week killed two U.S. Marines.

"Mother and baby are both in a stable condition in the hospital and are receiving the best possible care," the ministry said in a statement. It said a team of doctors would fly out to Afghanistan in the coming days to help the soldier and her son return safely to Britain.

The U.K. does not allow female soldiers to deploy on operation if they are pregnant. Although the soldier's child was conceived before her tour of duty began in March, she is not likely to face censure.

Britain has previously sent female soldiers home from wars after they have fallen pregnant — including about 60 from Afghanistan — but hasn't previously had a servicewoman go into labour in a warzone.

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Giving pregnant pause

- Maj. Charles Heyman, a retired officer and author of *The British Army Guide*, said the unexpected birth would cause some concern at the base.
- "This sort of thing makes life difficult for everyone else, but the important thing is the welfare of the female soldier. This could have gone wrong and we don't know if the attack on Camp Bastion might have forced the birth," said Heyman.
- Heyman said it may have been "that the excitement of the tour masked the symptoms of the pregnancy."



Troop names foundling Pola

In this picture made available by the Operations Command of Poland's Defence Ministry in Warsaw on Thursday, a newborn baby girl whom Polish soldiers found on Wednesday abandoned on the road of an armoured patrol in southern Afghanistan receives attention in Wagheez, Afghanistan. Named Pola — for Poland — by the troops, the baby girl has been examined by military doctors and was to be handed over to Afghan pediatricians and authorities.

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Paris

Islamic arts take wing at Louvre

The Louvre Museum is unveiling a new wing and galleries dedicated to the arts of Islam, culminating a nearly \$130-million, decade-long project coming to fruition amid tensions between the Muslim world and the West.

The new dragonfly-shaped building marks the famed Paris museum's greatest development since its iconic glass pyramid constructed 20 years ago. The Department of Islamic Art will exhibit much of the Louvre's 18,000 works, hoping also to foster cultural understanding.

The wing, with its mission of heightening cross-cultural understanding, is opening at a tense — and perhaps opportune — time.

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A woman examines a ceramic-tile wall at the Louvre museum. REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Birth control. Implants, IUDs urged for teen girls

Teenage girls may prefer the pill, the patch or even wishful thinking, but their doctors should be recommending IUDs or hormonal implants — long-lasting and more effective birth control that you don't have to remember to use every time, the leading U.S. gynecologists' group said Thursday.

The IUD and implants are safe and nearly 100 per cent effective at preventing pregnancy, and should be "first-line recommendations," the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said in updating its guidance for teens.

Both types of contraception are more invasive than the pill, requiring a doctor to put them in place. That, and cost, are probably why the pill is still the most popular form of contra-

Need-to-know

- An IUD is a small piece of plastic inserted in the uterus that can prevent pregnancy for up to 10 years. An implant is a matchstick-size plastic rod that releases hormones. It is placed under the skin of the upper arm and usually lasts three years.

ception in the U.S.

But birth-control pills often must be taken at the very same time every day to be most potent. And forgetting to take even one can lead to pregnancy, which is why the pill is sometimes only 91 per cent effective.

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Quebec

Alleged getaway driver nabbed in theft of poker champ

Police have arrested a 21-year-old Gatineau, Que., man suspected of being a getaway driver in an armed robbery of a Quebec poker champion.

Police say two men forced their way into Jonathan Duhamel's Boucherville, Que., home on Dec. 21, 2011, where they beat him and stole more than \$100,000 and jewelry.

Duhamel became famous after winning the 2010 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, taking home \$8.9 million U.S.

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PQ makes good on vow to scrap tuition-fee increase

Quebec. Decision comes after 'Maple Spring' that saw student protests erupt across province

The tuition increase that triggered such social strife in Quebec was cancelled Thursday during an action-packed first full day in office for the Parti Québécois government.

The new government repealed the fee hike, by decree, in its first cabinet meeting less than 24 hours after coming to power.

Student leaders cheered the news.

Premier Pauline Marois has

Quoted

"Together we've written a chapter in the history of Quebec. It's a triumph of justice and equity."

Martine Desjardins, head of the Fédération des Étudiants Universitaires du Québec student association



Student leader Martine Desjardins, left, responds to reporters' questions at a news conference on Thursday in Quebec City. Desjardins applauded the news the Parti Québécois is scrapping the province's contentious tuition increase. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

acted on a promise that she had made during the election campaign. She announced the decision at a news conference after the cabinet meeting.

Marois said tuition will go back to \$2,168 — the lowest in Canada. With the planned increases, it would have been \$600 higher this year and would have kept growing each

year.

Marois said she will not decrease funding for universities and will make good on a promise to hold a summit on how to fund universities within her first 100 days as premier.

The government policy entering that meeting will be to suggest indexing future fee increases to the rate of inflation.

That would raise tuition by a rate of around one to three per cent most years — compared with the 84 per cent increase over seven years planned by the previous Charest government.

But Marois' inflation-index policy is not set in stone. Some students are pushing for zero tuition, as exists in some other countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Murder-suicide at Detroit factory

Tragedy. Two dead in incident that began at Chrysler plant

Police say a Chrysler employee fatally stabbed a co-worker at a Detroit factory before

killing himself in a city park.

Detroit police Sgt. Alan Quinn says a man was stabbed Thursday morning. Quinn says the suspect fled the factory and was found in the park, where he killed himself.

The Chrysler plant employs more than 3,000 workers.


Chrysler spokeswoman Jodi Tinson says no other employees were injured. Workers on the shift were sent home.

The three-million-square-foot plant makes Jeep Grand Cherokees and Dodge Durango SUVs.

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Employees hug in front of the UAW Local 7 hall across the street from Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly plant in Detroit on Thursday. DAVID COATES/DETROIT NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Yukon. Power, services out across territory

A telecommunications failure in the Yukon has pushed many communications services in the territory right off the grid.

The problem appears to have begun with a power outage in Whitehorse on Wednesday night.

When the lights came back on about four hours later, telecommunication circuits began to crumble, cutting off phone, cellular phone, Internet and other services within Whitehorse and as far away as Yellow-

knife, N.W.T., and Fort Nelson, B.C.

Northwestel worked on the problems overnight and some cell and Internet services were restored by this morning, while others are still off-line.

Whitehorse Star reporter Ashley Joannou says because 911 service is unavailable in Whitehorse, additional officers have been put on the streets so citizens can flag them down to report problems.

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Manchester. Thieves steal \$810,000 in watches

British police say masked thieves wielding an axe and crowbars stole luxury watches worth 500,000 pounds (\$810,000) from a high-end department store in Manchester as stunned shoppers looked on.

Police say three men entered an open Selfridges store in the northwest English city on Wednesday evening, smashed display cabinets with the axe and crowbars and stole around 100 watches before escap-

ing in a black Mercedes getaway car driven by a fourth offender.

Police on Thursday called it a brazen attack which was "clearly well planned and executed."

Greater Manchester Police said the men were in and out of the store in less than 80 seconds and managed to steal timepieces by luxury makers such as Cartier, Jaeger le Coultre and Hublot.

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CCTV stills show masked thieves stealing a haul of luxury watches from Selfridges in Manchester, northern England, late Wednesday. GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A group of Amish walk to the courthouse in Cleveland on Thursday for the hate-crimes trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amish convicted of hate crimes in brutal hair attacks

Cut off. Religious dispute pitted children against parents; attacks terrorized the normally peaceful settlements

Sixteen Amish men and women were convicted Thursday of hate crimes including forcibly cutting off fellow sect members' beards and hair in a religious dispute that offered a rare and sometimes lurid glimpse into the closed and usually self-regulating community of believers.

A federal jury found

Mastermind

Samuel Mullet Sr. wasn't accused of cutting anyone's hair. But prosecutors said he planned and encouraged his sons and the others, mocked the victims in jail-house phone calls and was given a paper bag stuffed with the hair of one victim.

Samuel Mullet Sr. guilty of orchestrating the cutting of Amish men's beards and women's hair last fall. His followers were found guilty of carrying out the attacks.

Prosecutors and witnesses described how sons pulled their father out of

bed and chopped off his beard in the moonlight and how women surrounded their mother-in-law and cut off her hair all the way to the scalp.

All the defendants are members of Mullet's settlement near the West Virginia panhandle. Prosecutors say the defendants targeted hair because it carries spiritual significance.

One bishop told jurors his chest-length beard was chopped to 3.8 centimetres of his chin.

In another attack, a woman testified that her own sons and a daughter cut her hair and her husband's beard.

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Zion National Park

Climber dies while rappelling in 'the Subway'

A 74-year-old man was found dead after spending a night hanging upside down on his climbing ropes at Zion National Park, park superintendent Jock Whitworth said Thursday.

The climber was making a rappel in the Subway, a popular and demanding canyoneering route about 400 km south of Salt Lake City. His partner was not able to free the man, who was found hanging from a drop-off.

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James Holmes. Batman massacre suspect smiles, but stays quiet in court

The suspect in the U.S. theatre rampage June 20 that killed 12 people in one of the worst mass shootings in the country's history smiled and glanced around the courtroom Thursday, a marked difference from his dazed appearances in the past. The shocking orange hair was gone, but he remained silent.

Prosecutors gave up their fight to see a notebook sent by suspect James Holmes to a psychiatrist. They didn't want to delay the proceedings.

Defence attorneys have said Holmes is mentally

ill and that the notebook, sent to Dr. Lynne Fenton, shouldn't be released because of doctor-patient privilege.

Fenton last saw Holmes professionally on June 11 before seeing him again in court on Aug. 30.

Prosecutors argued that the notebook is fair game, saying Holmes planned to be dead or in prison after the shooting rampage and had no plans to undergo therapy.

Fifty-eight people were wounded as the gunman roamed the darkened theatre.

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U.S.-Muslim relations

Protests suggest Muslims as angry at U.S. as 4 years ago

Images of angry mobs in Arab cities burning American flags and attacking U.S. diplomatic posts suggest the Muslim world is no less enraged at America than when President George W. Bush had to duck shoes hurled at him in Baghdad.

But more than three years after President Barack Obama

declared in Cairo that he would seek "a new beginning" in U.S.-Muslim relations, a closer look reveals strides as well as setbacks.

One U.S.-led war is over and another is receding, although there are questions about whether America has made lasting gains in Afghanistan. The Arab Spring revolution, a spontaneous combustion that happened independent of Western influence, has given people new power and hope as well as democratic elections.

But peace between Israel



Protesters hold a banner depicting U.S. President Obama.
MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and the Palestinians is nowhere in sight, Iran is seen as a menace and broad mistrust with America is still explosive across much of the Muslim world. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fox News

Bloopers gone bad?

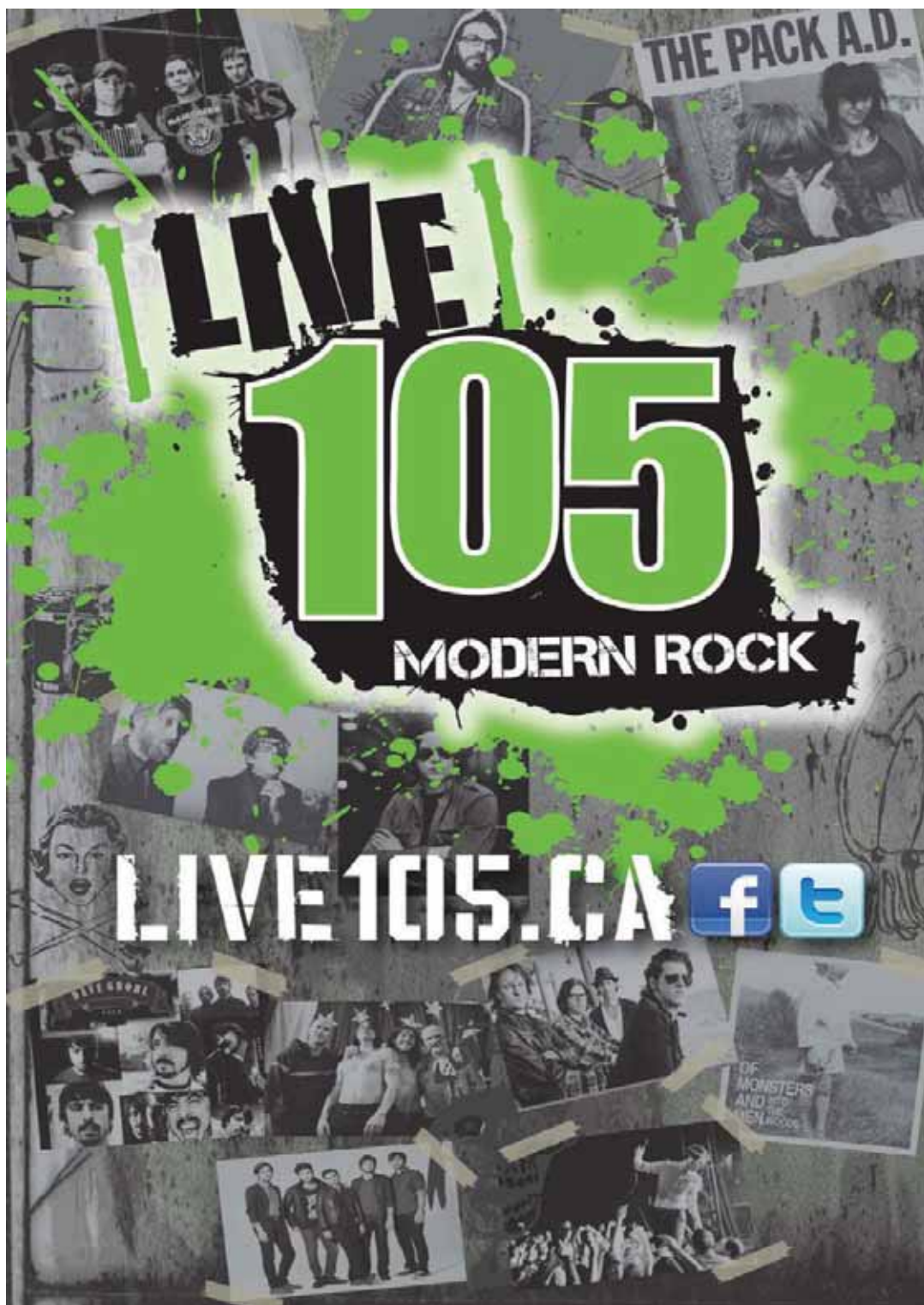
Arrrrgh: Fox News Channel used a joke picture of President Barack Obama sitting with a man in full buccaneer regalia to suggest Thursday that the president was more interested in meeting with a pirate than in conducting foreign policy.

The network later tweeted a clarification about the blooper.

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A man reacts to tear gas fired by police, during clashes that erupted as protesters tried to approach the U.S. Embassy, in Islamabad, Pakistan, Thursday. MUHAMMAD MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Obama, Clinton speak out on anti-Islam film debacle with TV ad

Pakistan. Islamabad's American Embassy takes steps to ease controversy over U.S.-produced movie

The American Embassy in Islamabad, in a bid to tamp down public rage over the anti-Islam film produced in the U.S., is spending \$70,000 to air an ad on Pakistani television that features President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton denouncing the video.

The State Department said Thursday the embassy had compiled brief clips of Obama and Clinton rejecting the contents of the movie and extolling American tolerance for all religions into a 30-second public service announcement that is running on seven Pakistani networks. Obama and Clinton's comments, which are from previous public events in Washington, are in English but subtitled in Urdu, the main Pakistani language.

Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said the aim

was to get the messages to the widest possible audience in Pakistan, where tens of thousands of protesters angry about the film tried to reach the U.S. embassy before being turned back by Pakistani police. She said embassy staffers had decided the ads were the best way to spread the word. The seven networks have a potential audience of 90 million people, she added.

"The sense was that this particular aspect of the president and the secretary's message needed to be heard by more Pakistanis than had heard, and that this was an effective way to get that message out," Nuland told reporters in Washington. The ads are not running in other countries, she said.

In the ad, Obama is seen talking about America's tradition of religious tolerance and Clinton is seen saying that the U.S. government had nothing to do with the video that contains vulgar depiction of the Prophet Muhammad. "We absolutely reject its content and message," Clinton says in the advertisement.

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Serbia. Suspect acquitted for setting U.S. Embassy ablaze; guilty to lesser offence

A Serbian court on Thursday acquitted the prime suspect charged with setting fire to the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade in 2008, but convicted him of the lesser offence of stealing property from the building and sentenced him to a year in prison.

A Belgrade high court judge said there was no evidence that Milan Zivanovic, 24, took part in the burning of the embassy when Serb rioters stormed it on Feb. 21, 2008, in anger over Washington's support for the statehood of Kosovo, the pre-

dominantly ethnic Albanian province that had declared independence from Serbia.

But the judge said Zivanovic, a university student, took part in the stealing of a leather jacket and gloves that belonged to an embassy employee. One assailant was killed in the fire set by the attackers.

The attackers, mostly soccer hooligans, threw stones and flares at the embassy building, breaking windows and setting it on fire.

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MIDDLE SACKVILLE'S NEWEST COMMUNITY

SUNSET RIDGE OFFERS STUNNING VIEWS

As the name implies, the neighbourhood of Sunset Ridge is a beautiful place to be when the sun sets. But there are many other reasons why this new community is generating a lot of buzz.

The master planned community is located in Middle Sackville and was designed to offer a mix of housing styles and pricing to suit any lifestyle. This diversity provides prospective homeowners a mix of housing options.

The community was also designed to maintain natural green areas, with non-disturbance zones maintained throughout the development to sustain the natural environment where possible.

For families, there is a central community playground which is the perfect place for children to play.

"It's really all about planning the development around the requirements of the homeowner," says Stephanie Palmer, the director of marketing for Armco Capital Inc., the firm that is the developer behind the subdivision.

When purchasing a home, there are

many key factors that help influence a person's decision, such as proximity to schools, recreation facilities, medical clinics and shopping, all of which Sunset Ridge provides.

"A key feature for Sunset Ridge is its central location," says Palmer. "You're close to all of the amenities Sackville has to offer and within minutes to Halifax and Dartmouth."

Sunset Ridge's central location makes it very easy to travel to other parts of the city. Via Margeson Drive, Sunset Ridge has direct access to Highway 101, meaning quick commutes are a fact of life.

When fully developed, Sunset Ridge will have 365 homes.

"The community has something to suit almost every lifestyle and demographic," says Palmer.

Whether somebody is looking to purchase their first home or downsize, there's an option for them. And if they're looking for something a little bigger as well, that too is not a problem.

"There is a mix of home sites to

Sunset Ridge has a mixture of home types for sale, including single-family homes, semi-detached, as well as larger two-story homes.



OPEN HOUSE, BARBECUE TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND

This coming Sunday, there will be an open house and free barbecue at Sunset Ridge, a new subdivision in Middle Sackville.

The purpose of the Open House and barbecue is to allow prospective home buyers the opportunity to see the community and meet the various builders who are building homes in the community, as well as view the available homes they each provide.

The event will run from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the barbecue will be held at the Community Park, which is located at the corner of Hanwell Drive and Darlington Drive.

"We'll be on site and providing food and refreshment for everybody that comes through," says Stephanie Palmer, the director of marketing for Armco Capital Inc., the firm that is the developer behind the subdivision.

Homes will be available for viewing by Austin Homes, Bungay Homes, Louisburg Homes, FH Construction, PFK Properties, Quantum Developments, Ramar Construction, Sawlor Homes and Skymark Homes.

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Air Canada prepares for hiring spree

1,100 jobs available. Positions include flight attendants, customer service agents and baggage handlers

Air Canada says it will hire about 1,100 employees across a number of fields, including 200 at its new low-cost carrier.

The airline said Thursday the jobs are part of its strategy to "seize new commercial opportunities, enhance customer service and renew our workforce."

Air Canada says it will hire about 400 flight attendants and some 500 airport customer service agents and baggage handlers. Sixty customer service agents will be hired for call centres in Montreal and Toronto.

"This recruitment program is consistent with our focus on controlling costs to become more competi-

Job postings

- Air Canada says information on the job postings can be found at aircanada.com/careers, adding that applications can be filled out online.

tive in our various markets," said president and CEO Calin Rovinescu. "At a time when youth unemployment is nearly 15 per cent in Canada, we are pleased to offer exciting career opportunities that will especially appeal to young people."

The company cited attrition as one of the main drivers behind the hiring of customer service agents and flight attendants.

In addition to the hires at the main airline, the company will hire about 150 flight attendants and 50 pilots for its low-cost airline, slated to launch in 2013.

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Catering to global gamers

A visitor demonstrates Sony's head-mounted display HMZ personal 3D viewer, which provides a 3-D theatre of music videos, movies and games, at the Tokyo Game Show on Thursday. As smartphones, tablets and other computer-like devices lure people away from the once-dominant consoles devoted to video games, one show participant predicted emerging nations will make up 80 to 90 per cent of the game market in a decade. Yoshikazu Tanaka, founder of rapidly growing Gree Inc. — which has risen to stardom through social games, often played on smartphones — said while game consoles will not catch on in some developing nations, people there do have mobile phones, presenting opportunities for Gree. KOJI SASAHARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Labour negotiations

CAW reaches deal with GM

The Canadian Auto Workers said Thursday evening that it has reached a tentative agreement with General Motors. The union had warned earlier in the day that it was prepared to issue a strike notice at GM if talks didn't progress.

The CAW reached a deal with Ford earlier this week. While it is still in contract negotiations with Chrysler, it said on Thursday it is making some progress in those talks and that the company seems more willing than it was to reach an agreement.

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U.S. census data shows signs of economic recovery

More young adults in the U.S. are leaving their parents' homes to take a chance with college or a job. Across the nation, people are on the move again after putting their lives on hold and staying put. Once-sharp declines in births are levelling off, and poverty is slowing.

A new snapshot of census data provides sociological backup for what economic indicators were already suggesting: that the nation is in a tentative, fragile recovery.

"We may be seeing the beginning of the American family's recovery from the Great Recession," said Andrew

Cherlin, a professor of sociology and public policy at Johns Hopkins University. He pointed in particular to the upswing in mobility and to young men moving out of their parents' homes, both signs that more young adults were testing out job prospects.

"It could be the modest

number of new jobs or simply the belief that the worst is over," Cherlin said.

The new 2011 census figures released Thursday show progress in an economic recovery that technically began in mid-2009. The annual survey, supplemented with unpublished government figures as

of March 2012, covers a year in which unemployment fell from 9.6 per cent to 8.9 per cent.

Not all is well, however. While housing sales have more recently gained, home ownership last year dropped for a fifth straight year to 64.6 per cent, the lowest in more than a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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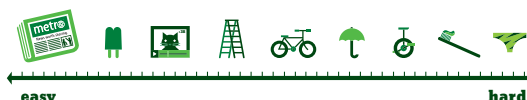
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Sharability



Retail. Reitmans says it can withstand Target's arrival north of border

Women's clothing retailer Reitmans says it's not worried about Target coming to Canada. Chief executive Jeremy Reitman says they've withstood increased competition from U.S. companies before, pointing to Walmart and The Gap.

Reitman says industry observers have previously predicted increased competition would cause the demise of Canada's largest publicly traded apparel company.

But he says Reitmans has done well as the popular U.S. chains have driven traffic to malls and big box outlets where its retail network operates.

Reitman told a CIBC investor conference in Montreal that "we thank God for Walmart." He adds many of its various retail store brands are located in the same shopping areas. Target will replace Zellers stores, which Reitmans said doesn't generate much traffic.

Like many apparel companies, Reitmans has faced the challenges of a tough economic environment and higher fuel and food prices that reduce discretionary spending

By the numbers

925

Reitmans has 925 stores in Canada, under the Reitmans, Smart Set, RW & CO., Thyme Maternity, Penningtons and Addition Elle banners.

on non-essential items.

Its revenues and profits fell in the second quarter and it says that the third quarter will be affected by problems with a new warehouse management system at its distribution centre that caused two weeks of delays in product shipments to stores.

The computer crashes were harmful but the new system will allow Reitmans to dramatically cut the time to process merchandise and allow it to do so with far fewer employees.

In addition to adding and refurbishing stores, Reitmans has launched an e-commerce business that allows customers to shop online and have products delivered to their homes or the nearest retail store. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Happy (iPhone) campers

Joseph Cruz, 19, right, from Staten Island, N.Y., waits outside Apple's Fifth Avenue store on Thursday in New York City. Cruz started camping last Friday to be one of the first to get the new iPhone 5, which goes on sale at stores in the U.S., Canada and seven other countries Friday.

BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Takeover. Nexen shareholders support deal with Chinese firm

The head of Nexen Inc. pitched the benefits of a takeover by a Chinese company Thursday even as the Calgary-based oil-and-gas company's shareholders overwhelmingly voted to support the politically charged deal.

Still faced with the task of winning approval from the federal government, interim chief executive Kevin Reinhart said the takeover wasn't

the end for Nexen — which is active in Alberta's oil sands, the North Sea and elsewhere.

Reinhart said China National Offshore Oil Company will keep the Nexen name and expand the role of the company's Calgary headquarters to manage not just Nexen's assets but also some \$8 billion of the Chinese company's other assets in North and Central America.

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U.S. online market

Google predicted to top Facebook in display-ad revenue

A research firm estimates that Google will surpass Facebook in display advertising revenue this year, beating every other company with a 15.4 per cent share of the U.S. market. EMarketer said it expects Google Inc. to rake in \$2.31 billion US of revenue from online display ads. These are more lucrative than the text-based ads that appear next to search results and account for the bulk of Google's revenue.

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Browser security

Microsoft offers fix for IE breach

Microsoft is releasing an update to its Internet Explorer browser to fix a security problem that could expose personal computers to hacking attacks. A permanent repair to the security flaw will be released Friday. Microsoft says most PC users weren't affected by the security bug.

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Single-serve coffee

Starbucks debuts Verismo brewer

Starbucks Corp. is turning up the heat on the single-serve coffee market. The Seattle-based company says it will start selling its new single-serve brewer online this week for \$199 US. The machine will be rolled out in its ubiquitous cafés next month. The arrival of the Verismo comes amid intensifying competition in the piping hot market for single-serve brewers and the coffee pods they use.

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AU Optronics Corp.

Firm fined \$500M in price-fixing case

A Taiwanese company has been fined \$500 million US and two of its former top executives sentenced to three years in prison for their leading roles in a global LCD screen price-fixing conspiracy. The sentences handed down Thursday by a U.S. judge are among the harshest penalties ever given in an antitrust criminal case.

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THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
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It's time again for the Metro List, your one-stop shop for conversational tidbits that make you the coolest cat around the cooler.

1 Hockey Night in Canada — NOT. The billionaire owners have

locked out the millionaire players, cancelled the pre-season and could cancel the entire season. The rest of us may have to turn to football or soccer ... or get a life.

2 The topless Duchess. Variation on that Hans Christian Andersen tale The Emperor's New Clothes.

Only in this remake the paparazzi invade the Duchess of Cambridge's privacy and her husband the Duke is not even a little amused.

3 Cross-border crossover. Top U.S. retailer Nordstrom brings its shopping experience to Canada, announcing stores in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal. Hopefully, the Competition Bureau won't make the chain lower the quality of its service and jack up the prices so Canadian retailers can compete.

4 As of Friday, your device is obsolete. Apple starts selling the iPhone 5 in Canada on Friday. For \$699 you get a phone that's half an inch longer. Doesn't seem like much, but don't tell the two million people who pre-ordered it in the U.S. I guess size still matters.

5 Speaking of size. As of this week, the mayor of N.Y.C. bans any big sugary drink over 16 ounces. Big Gulp banned in the Big Apple, and it's not even Boston. Start spreadin' the news.

6 Then there's Tupelo Honey. Turns out Mississippi is the fattest place in North America, with 34.9 per cent of its citizens considered obese. That's nuthin'. By 2030, after another 18 years of BBQ, 66.7 per cent of adults in the Hospitality State will be obese. I wouldn't get too smug; an estimated 1.6 million Canadian kids are overweight, and the Big Gulp is still freely available on any street corner.

7 This kid's not all right. Consider the case of Maygan Sensenberger, the wife of Sen. Rod Zimmer. She's 23, barely an adult; he's 69, barely sentient. At least, you have to wonder why else he'd marry someone 46 years his junior. Whatever, the honeymoon's over: Thursday, she pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance last month on a Saskatoon-bound flight, while a charge of threatening her husband was withdrawn. Maybe she wanted to go to Miami.

8 Voyager has left the building. In fact, Voyager 1, which was launched from Cape Canaveral 35 years ago, has left the whole damn solar system, the first human-made device to go into deep space, where no one has gone before. Literally. If aliens ever do intercept the Voyager and listen to the music included on board, they'll have to try to figure out a species that listens to Mozart, Stravinsky ... and Blind Willie Johnson.



Mississippi gets an F for fat. The state is the most obese place in North America. GETTY IMAGES

Look who came for dinner!



Public-art installation

Whole new world for Columbus

A renowned statue of Christopher Columbus in New York City has its own apartment after it was erected on scaffolding by Japanese artist Tatzu Nishi.

The 75-square-metre "living room," complete with sofa, television and coffee table, has been temporarily built around the monument. **METRO**

Artist's viewpoint

"Obviously, until now, he was up there by himself, alone. So we want to change it into something really homey, warm, domestic-feeling."

Japanese conceptual artist Tatzu Nishi. For 15 years, Nishi has been installing domestic environments around public monuments.

Artwork in detail

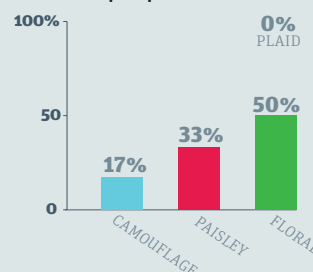
- **Meaning.** "A big point of my work is to change this high level (of the statue) to the same level and you see the sculpture really differently," Nishi told reporters.
- **It's upstairs.** Installation is accessible via a staircase.
- **No more feathers.** "After 120 years with only pigeons for company, Columbus is finally getting a taste of the American dream," Public Art Fund's director Nicholas Baume said.

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New York fashion week was all about prints. What will be your spring staple?



Twitter

@OliviaBassa: I don't own a raincoat. Apparently, it'll be raining in #Halifax all weekend. Great.

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@HKHClaire: A town that fires a cannon every day at noon is the best thing ever. #Halifax #cdnhist

@meringuebought: hrm Longest drive home ever, burnside to Sackville. Still in traffic. #hrm #halifax

@marriamerges: it always feels so weird when a prof talks about the halifax explosion and some people actually don't know what it is.

@JanessaFerguson: why dont they put all the stores from Mic Mac and Halifax Shopping center into one big mall in my back yard.. :)



Jake Gyllenhaal stars in *End of Watch*. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

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Make sure you pack Gravel for this 'watch'

Hand-held action.

End of Watch pays homage to gritty crime dramas, but the shaky camera work gives it an artificial feel

Richard: Mark, *End of Watch* is all build up. The movie spends an hour-and-a-half introducing its characters, giving us a slice of LAPD life before topping it off with an exciting conclusion. I could have used less BarfO-Matic hand-held camera work — sometimes it's hard to tell what's happening — but overall I thought this movie worked because of the naturalistic performances and the climax. You?

Mark: And what performances! Both Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Peña are first-rate, their naturalistic style perfectly

matching the you-are-there hand-held camera work. But I also thought the dialogue was far superior to most police thrillers. There's no plot, really — it's a series of episodes in the lives of two LAPD officers, which at times seemed reminiscent of the old TV series *Adam 12*. But there are things that are shown in this movie that would never have happened in the more benign TV show.

RC: It's true. It took me a while to warm to the episodic nature of the "story." I found the first half-hour stagey. The having-the-character-film-part-of-the-movie thing has been done to death, and I thought added a level of artificiality that didn't need to be there. Take that out and no one would miss it. But once I allowed myself to be drawn into the performances and the chemistry of the leads, I was sucked in. I thought the female characters were given

more to do than usual in a cop drama, but just barely. Anna Kendrick is so talented, I would have liked to see her given more to do.

MB: Kendrick barely registered for me; the woman who did was the Hispanic gang leader's significant other. Scary! As far as the ending goes, I thought it was a well-handled climax, but I can't say I didn't see it coming. It's the coda after the climax I thought was unnecessary. It tried to add poignancy to a movie that was thankfully unsentimental throughout.

RC: I agree. It's hard to discuss the end without being spoilerific, but let's say the movie goes from jovial to gritty and then back to jovial again. I didn't love it, but Hollywood seems to be allergic to tragic endings.

MB: Felt like a studio decision

Synopsis

Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Peña play officers Taylor and Zavala, patrol cops in Los Angeles's tough South Central neighbourhood. A routine traffic stop turns into something bigger when they confiscate money and guns from a cartel member. "Be careful," they're warned by a senior officer, "You just tugged on the tail of a snake that's going to turn around and bite you."

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

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James Burrows, the director with the golden touch, charms his latest sitcom, *Partners*



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Selena Gomez can sympathize with Dracula's daughter

Growing pains. Young actress who voices character in *Hotel Transylvania* knows what it's like to have wanderlust



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Being *Dracula's* daughter can be a drag. That's the lesson Selena Gomez learned making *Hotel Transylvania*, in which she voices the 118-year-old perpetual teenager Mavis, living in the titular lodging with her over-protective father (voiced by Adam Sandler) and longing to see the world.

Despite her character's advanced age, Gomez didn't have too much trouble connecting with Mavis.

"I'm not 118, but it's fun for me to kind of grow up," she says.

"I want to be able to see places, too. I get to travel and I'm very lucky to get to go to the places that I go to, but I never actually have been to the places alone or with friends, and I've never had that, so I think I'm going through that a little bit, doing things on my own a little bit more and having a little bit of that freedom."

In that travel that she's already doing — for work,

mostly — she sees her fair share of hotels herself, though they don't necessarily make much of an impression.

"To be honest, I'm in places for, like, a day so I don't even know where I'm staying. My mom's more about spas, so I just kind of follow my mom," she says.

"We stay in different places all the time — fun ones, cool ones. I've stayed in haunted ones too, before. It was actually for my birthday, so this sounds a little weird, but I like getting scared. We were on tour and they had me stay in a hotel in Utah and it was haunted."

"Nothing happened, so I was a little bummed, but it was spooky being there."

Having gotten her start on the Disney Channel's *Wizards of Waverly Place*, Gomez clearly has a thing for the supernatural — even if the connection hadn't occurred to her before now.

"I didn't even think about that. I guess so," she says with a laugh.

"With my show we were able to bring kids' imaginations to life a little bit. We were able to be invisible and fly and walk on walls, and that's stuff that every kid wishes they had the ability to do."

"We're able to kind of bring that alive a little bit, which is something we're doing with this movie as well. We're bringing all the characters from *Frankenstein* to *Dracula* to new characters like the daughter. It's just fun to kind of bring that to life."

And Gomez isn't so worried about bringing those characters — along with mummies and werewolves and other monsters — to a younger audiences. "People have kind of changed their perceptions of monsters within tons of movies that have come out, so in a way it's more fun for kids," she says. "And it's hard to scare kids now, it really is. Going to haunted houses, going to those things, watching those movies, it's hard to scare them."

Quoted

"I want to be able to see places, too. I get to travel and I'm very lucky to get to go to the places that I go to, but I never actually have been to the places alone. ... So I think I'm going through that a little bit."

Selena Gomez on identifying with her 118-year-old teen character in *Hotel Transylvania*



Selena Gomez walks the red carpet at TIFF during the *Hotel Transylvania* premiere. GETTY IMAGES

Comedy



Roller Town

Director. Andrew Bush

Stars. Mark Little, Kayla Lorette

Slap-sticked together by Halifax comedy troupe Picnicface, *Roller Town* is the little indie comedy that could. Not only was it made on a skate-string budget, but the gang decided to spoof the arcane fad of '70s roller-rink films (remember *Xanadu*?). With plenty of silly gags whirling around a bare plot about a skate king who seeks justice against mobsters trying to kill disco, *Roller Town* stands out — even if it does lose its wheels by the end.

STEVE GOW

Action



Dredd 3D

Director. Pete Travis

Stars. Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey

The hard-edged British future-shock comic book (previously adapted with Sly Stallone as a camp-fest in 1995) becomes a hard-core feature courtesy of writer Alex Garland (*28 Days Later*) and director Pete Travis. *Dredd 3D* is not for the faint of heart, filled as it is with endless skinning, stabbing, shooting and head crushing all rendered in some beautifully designed 3D sequences. Spare on dialogue, long on style, pulsing music and violence, *Dredd 3D* is a gift to serious sci-fi action movie fans.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Drama



Trouble with the Curve

Director. Robert Lorenz

Stars. Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams

Trouble with the Curve is no *Moneyball*. If anything, it's the antithesis to the acclaimed biopic about using science to shape ball teams. In this, Clint Eastwood is an expired scout that, despite failing eyes and curmudgeonly demeanor, picks players the old-fashioned way — on personality. Too bad there wasn't more personality in the film itself as text-book characters and routine plotting leaves *Curve* with a sub-par batting average.

STEVE GOW

Horror



House at the End of the Street

Director. Mark Tonderai

Stars. Jennifer Lawrence, Elizabeth Shue, Max Thieriot

House at the End of the Street is notable as actress Jennifer Lawrence's first big screen appearance since her turn in *The Hunger Games*. Marketed as a supernatural spook show for kids, the film is actually a rock solid, dark and suspenseful thriller armed with further evidence of just how good an actress Lawrence is becoming. Although saddled with a youth friendly PG-13 rating and light on anything visceral, *House* is actually ample frightening and even disturbing.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Quoted

"We did five months of ride-a-longs, two to three nights a week. ... What's behind the badge is a real human being and the relationships they have. Like in this movie, what these two characters have is incredibly special."

Jake Gyllenhaal on research he did for his role as a police officer in the new film *End of Watch*.

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Stars share their Emmy-day RXs

Attending the Emmy Awards as a nominee is the kind of heady experience that sends even veteran actors' and show-runners' tummies aflutter. But, of course, the show must go on. Stars say they turn to booze, tunes and deep breaths to prepare for such moments. Here's what some of this year's nominees would prescribe for a case of Emmy-day nerves on Sunday.

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Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Modern Family

"Oh, gosh. Maybe some vodka. A flask of vodka, I think. Don't you think? Oh, absolutely. Maybe a Quaalude. Perfect. There you go."

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Amy Poehler, Parks and Recreation

"Oh, you mean pharmaceutically? Hmm. Baby aspirin. Baby aspirin and maybe just like a small children's pool of sangria."



Maya Rudolph, Saturday Night Live

"Champagne always makes a person happy. At least a bottle. Yeah. For myself."

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Mayim Bialik, The Big Bang Theory

"Music. Music. I'm going to vote for either Adele's 21 or Decemberists' The King is Dead. Music soothes the savage beast."

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Zooey Deschanel, New Girl

"Actors, the thing is, we're used to getting nervous. That's sort of our thing. You get nervous and you know how to get through it. Otherwise, we wouldn't be able to go on stage or shoot.... I would say if I'm nervous, I would just drink a glass of water and take a deep breath."



Max Greenfield, New Girl

"A case of presence. Yes. Not 'presents.' Presence. Yes, we want to bring ourselves into the present moment and say, 'Hey! Look at this. Look what's happening. Let's be grateful for this moment and take it all in.' You know what I mean?"

Guest-star dream roles

While these stars have earned repeat Emmy nods for their regular gigs, that doesn't mean they don't have their eye on some sweet guest-star work. Producers, take note: Here's a look at the shows these nominees would love to try.

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Christina Hendricks, Mad Men

"I'd love to do a guest spot on Downton Abbey. I'm absolutely in love with Homeland. I think it's amazing. I would do anything they asked me."

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Julie Bowen, Modern Family

"Oh God, I don't know. Dynasty? I just want to wear really big shoulder pads and have crazy big hair."

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Bill Paxton, Hatfields & McCoy's

"I would love to do a part on Boardwalk Empire. I'd have to play some guy that comes out from the West, a new hater in town."



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Fall TV. Television is crowded with comedy this fall. Thanks to our handy flowchart, DVR overload is a thing of the past. To start, choose whether you prefer the company of friends or family



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Go On
Matthew Perry stars as a recently widowed sportscaster who finds wacky but loving new friends in a grief support group. Now airing Wednesdays on Global.

The New Normal
Every family has a little crazy in it. The loose screw comes in the form of a bigoted grandma (Ellen Barkin) in this sitcom. A committed gay couple (Andrew Rannells and Justin Bartha) hiring a single mom (Georgia King) to carry their child may seem untraditional, but their situation is full of love (and some biting funny moments) regardless. Aired Tuesday on CTV.

Ben and Kate
Slacker Ben (Nat Faxon) and frazzled single mom Kate (Dakota Johnson) are odd couple/best friend siblings who become roommates when perennial couch surfer Ben moves in for good. Their affectionately antagonistic relationship will ring true if you grew up close to a brother or sister you also wanted to strangle. Premieres Tuesday, Citytv.

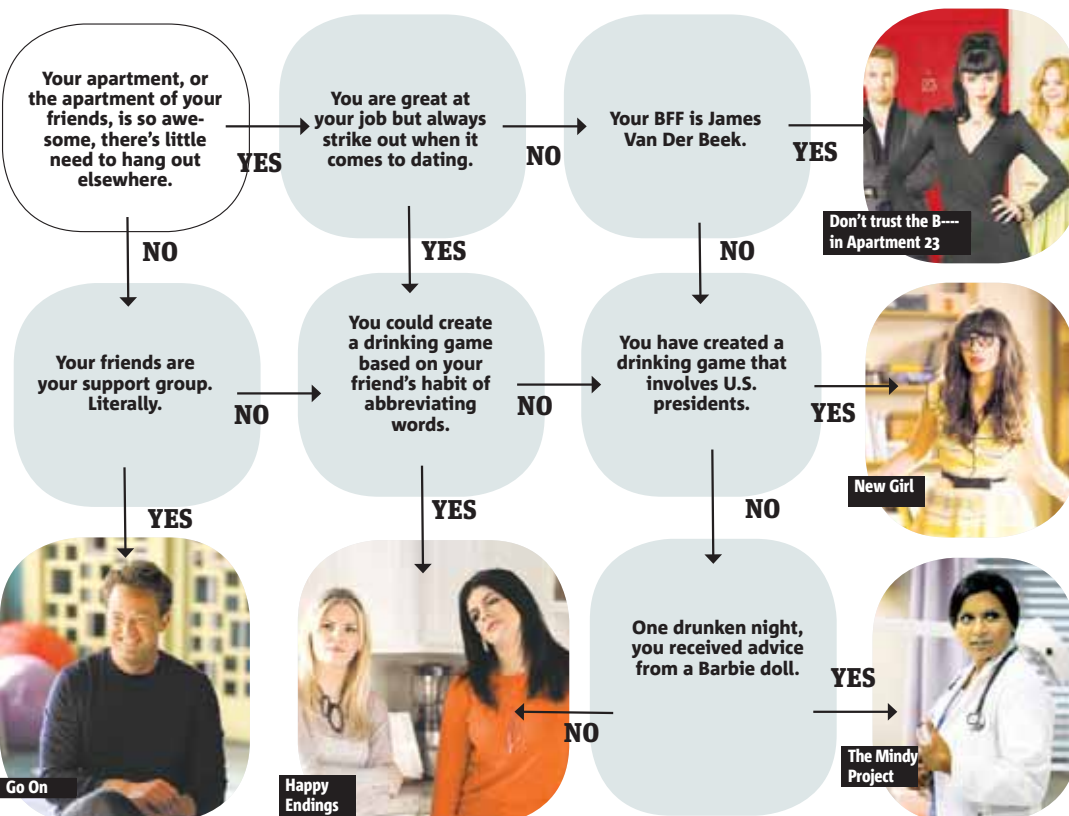
New Girl
As Jess' (Zoe Deschanel) "adorkable" factor was toned down and focus was put on her friendship with her male roommates (Max Greenfield, Jake Johnson and Lamorne Morris, who proved just as capable playing goofy as their female counterpart), New Girl grew to become last season's best buddy comedy — complete with a drinking game, True American. Premieres Tuesday, Citytv.

The Mindy Project
The reasons we fell in love with New Girl apply here — Mindy (Mindy Kaling), an OBGYN who doesn't look like she's moonlighting as a runway model, is successful in her professional life but a total failure when it comes to love. A vet of The Office, Kaling brings optimism to the most cynical comedy — the New York City dating scene — even if she does resort to taking advice from a toy. Premieres Tuesday, Citytv.

Raising Hope
The Chance family (Cloris Leachman, Martha Plimpton, Garret Dillahunt, Lucas Neff) thrives on chaos. Though the show often hits on white-trash humour, what the family lacks in funds — or smarts — they make up for in heart. Premieres Oct. 2, Citytv.

Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23
If it weren't for con artist Chloe's (Krysten Ritter) loyalty to equally egotistic pal James Van Der Beek (playing a heightened version of himself) or admiration for new roomie June (Dreama Walker) who lost her big-time NYC gig but won't let the city get her down, Chloe really would be a queen B. Premieres Oct. 22, Citytv.

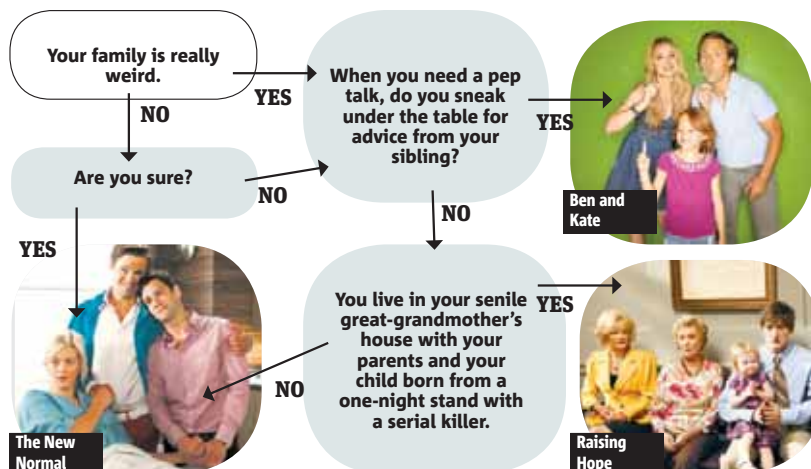
If you prefer to hang out with friends...



Also new on ...

- **Vegas.** Dennis Quaid plays reluctant lawman Ralph Lamb, based on a real-life sheriff who tried to clean up Vegas in the 1960s. Standing in Quaid's way is Michael Chiklis, who plays the gangster archetype with roguish delight. Premieres Tuesday, Global.
- **Emily Owens, M.D.** Mamie Gummer scrubs in as a doctor whose worst nightmare comes true — the social hierarchy at her Denver hospital — is just like high school. Premieres Oct. 16, CTV Two.

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Reinventing a classic

Television. Elementary creator and stars break down their characters

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In the new Global drama *Elementary*, eccentric detective Sherlock Holmes surfaces in New York City after a stint in rehab. He is forced to accept the aid of a sober companion, Dr. Joan Watson, to help in his recovery, though he believes his best shot at redemption is through helping his pal in the NYPD solve the city's toughest cases. Meet the modern incarnations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's crime solvers.

Sherlock Holmes,
played by Jonny Lee Miller

His past

"Oh, yeah — he's definitely got mental issues," Miller says. "I wouldn't say a mental illness or anything like that, but he's got issues, personal issues."

Series creator Rob Doherty teases that "something terrible happened to (Sherlock) in London. He spiralled out of control. Our Sherlock has emerged with what I think is at his core just a tiny kernel of self doubt where one previously never existed."

Miller — whose own tattoos are visible in character



Lucy Liu stars alongside Jonny Lee Miller in *Elementary*. HANDOUT

— says that inner turmoil is what makes the brilliant, yet socially inept, Sherlock relatable.

"He struggles with his own sense of self," Miller says. "People can identify with that."

The present

Whereas some incarnations of Sherlock may have been considered sociopathic, the detective in *Elementary* isn't simply seeking the thrill of the chase when he takes on

a new case.

"Our Sherlock is a puzzle solver," says Doherty. "I see him as someone who is driven ... to do the right thing, to help people. At the end of the day, he believes in justice. It's not just about putting bad guys behind bars. Helping people and doing the right thing are factors that play into it as well."

His future

If there is one foe that defines Sherlock, it's Moriarty.

Doherty promises the detective's nemesis will factor into the series, but is reluctant to give away too many details.

"He was such a shadowy figure," Doherty says. "I think he was described as the spider at the centre of the web of crime in London. He's the man behind the man. In other words, there are a few dominos we knock over before we ultimately get to him."

Dr. Joan Watson Played by Lucy Liu

Her past

Though Watson may not act out like the abrasive, dysfunctional Sherlock, the doctor may be just as damaged as her charge.

"She was a surgeon and lost her licence, which gives her sort of a dark past that we still don't know about (in the pilot), and we may not discover for a little while," Liu says. "What we want to do is introduce the audience to the characters, and then sort of slowly unravel a little bit about her personal history."

The present

Watson's obligations to Sherlock are professional — keep him sober and safe — until she realizes she's not such a bad private investigator herself. "(Watson) is on the sideline (in the pilot), observing him, because she's his sober companion," Liu says.

"So she's not engaged in

the mystery. She's engaged in him, and from that point on, then you get to see how that sort of blossoms out."

Her future

With a female Watson as Sherlock's sidekick, is a hookup imminent?

Going back to the source material, Liu notes Sherlock's "awkward relationship with the other gender."

Making his trusted companion a woman, she says, "is a constant reminder of that awkwardness and that division between being a friend," or something more.

Miller insists the friendship is core to *Elementary*, just as it has been in all other takes on crime fighting duo. But sexual tension, he admits, is inevitable.

"There is that element, and people are going to wonder," he says. "But then wondering and asking questions is something that you really want your audience to do, isn't it?"

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Shakira's hips didn't lie

After months of speculation, Shakira has confirmed that she's pregnant.

"As some of you may know, (boyfriend) Gerard (Pique) and I are very happy awaiting the arrival of our first baby," the singer posted on her website.

"At this time we have decided to give priority to this unique moment in our lives and postpone all the promotional activities planned over the next few days." Shakira was scheduled to

Quote

"We have decided to give priority to this unique moment in our lives."

Shakira
On taking time off.

perform at the iHeartRadio-Festival this weekend in Las Vegas, but she's cancelled the appearance.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Amanda Bynes takes on drunk driving rumours



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Amanda Bynes may be making headlines regularly for her troubles behind the wheel and her increasingly erratic behaviour, but the actress herself is "doing amazing," she tells People magazine during a phone call this week.

"I am retired as an actor. I am moving to New York to launch my career. I am going to do a fashion line," she says.

"I am not talking about being arrested for DUI because I don't drink, and I don't drink and drive. It is all false."

But while the former Nickelodeon star herself may think everything's

fine, her nearest and dearest aren't so confident.

"People around Amanda are really concerned about her," a source tells the magazine. "She tells people she doesn't party or drink. She doesn't realize she has a problem."

And her behaviour is getting even weirder.

On Tuesday night, she was kicked out of a spin class at her L.A. gym, per TMZ. Apparently, the class had started but Bynes stopped cycling and started wandering around the class. Once she found another bike, she hopped aboard but then took off her shirt, revealing a "tiny black strapless push up bra ... not a sports bra," says a witness.

She cycled a bit more and then stopped to apply make-up for a full 10 minutes before the instructor threw her out.

This is sad.

All of these stories on Bynes' increasingly weird behaviour reminds me of Brittany Murphy — and we all know how that turned out.



Monica Lewinsky

Lewinsky cashes in on sexy letters

Fourteen years after revelations of her affair with Bill Clinton rocked the White House, Monica Lewinsky is reportedly telling all with the publication of her love letters to the then-president, according to Page Six.

The former White House

intern was paid \$12 million for the letters, sources say.

"In them, she opened her heart about her love for Bill and how much happier she could make him," a source says.

"Some of what she wrote was so raw that she never sent them."

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2. Lightly coat non-stick saucepan with vegetable oil and set over medium heat. Add corn and sauté, stirring often, for about 8 mins. or until slightly charred. Set aside.

3. Add oil to saucepan and keep over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook 4 mins., stirring occasionally. Stir in red and green peppers. Cook 3 mins., stirring occasionally. Stir in tomato sauce, charred corn, basil, chili powder and cumin. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 10 mins. or until slightly thickened. Remove from the heat.

4. Place chickpeas in bowl and mash roughly with a fork. Add to veg mix and stir to combine.

5. In separate bowl, combine ricotta, mozzarella and cheddar cheeses (reserve 1/4 cup of cheddar for garnish). Add milk and salt and pepper and stir until well combined.

6. Place tortilla in prepared

Ingredients

- 1 cup canned corn, drained
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup each chopped red and green bell pepper
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 1 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 2 cups canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed

Filling

- 1 cup light ricotta (5 per cent)
- 1 cup shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded light cheddar cheese
- 3 tbsp low-fat milk
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 5 large flour tortillas

pan. Spread with one quarter of veg-chickpea mixture. Sprinkle with one quarter of cheese mix. Repeat layers 3 times. Top with final tortilla and sprinkle with remaining cheddar and the Parmesan. Cover pan tightly with foil.

7. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, then uncovered for 10 minutes or until it is completely heated through and the cheese has melted. Cut into 8 wedges with a sharp knife.

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It's like Survivor for charity

Exile Island, Canada's one of a kind pledge-raising event, is taking place in Halifax on Friday and features tribes of 10 castaways that will be exiled for an afternoon of challenges, competition, fundraising and wish granting to determine who will become Nova Scotia's ultimate survivors! Money raised will help grant the wish for special kids throughout the Maritimes. Tribes can't be saved from their exile until they reach their goal for Children's Wish. Last year's total hit \$400,000. For more information visit exileisland.ca



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Lederhosen and sauerkraut

Saturday marks the fourth annual Halifax Oktoberfest, an annual celebration of German heritage. Organized by Garrison Brewing and the German Canadian Association, Oktoberfest asks you to come and enjoy authentic Bavarian cuisine, beverages, and music while raising money for Feed Nova Scotia. Pavilion 20 will be Oktoberfest central — locally made strudels, sauerkraut, Bratwurst sausages, and cold craft beer. The traditional tapping of the cask will kick off the celebration followed by dancing, keg bowling. For more information visit hfxoktoberfest.ca



Album launch: Jenn Grant

Local singer/songwriter Jenn Grant celebrates the launch of her latest album, *The Beautiful Wild*, on Friday night at The Spatz Theatre. The honeymoon continues for this East Coast nightingale who is set to release her third album on Six Shooter Records on Tuesday. With *The Beautiful Wild*, Grant follows love's twisted, tangled path deep into the heart's jungle. The new record is about finding the courage to lose oneself in the wilderness, in all of its savage and sublime experiences.



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Mooseheads aiming to match skill with work ethic

QMJHL. Highly-touted club looks to take next step in development when season opens Friday night in Sydney



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It's no secret the Halifax Mooseheads have one of the most talented teams, on paper, in the QMJHL this season.

But if the Mooseheads intend to win the first championship in the franchise's 19-season history, one of the big challenges for head coach Dominique Ducharme is making sure his players don't rely on their talent more than they should.

"Sometimes, that's the biggest rival of a skilled team or a 'favourite' — thinking sometimes that things will come (easily) because we have skill," Ducharme said. "But we have to make it happen."

Sixteen of 24 players on the Mooseheads' season-opening roster were around last year for a three-round playoff run that featured a historic 4-3 come-from-behind win over the Quebec Remparts in the quarter-finals.

Despite a youthful lineup, that team carved out its identity by complementing its emerging skill with a relentless work ethic, and came within two wins of making the QMJHL final.

They're a year older, now, for certain. But a year wiser?



Mooseheads Trey Lewis, left, Zach Fucale and Brad Cuzner react after being eliminated from the QMJHL playoffs last year. METRO FILE

The players say yes.

"We need to work very hard — we can't just be a team with skill, everybody can't (try to be) a superstar or something," said high-scoring right-winger Martin Frk.

"I think we are probably the best team in the league, but you never know what happens — a good team can lose in the first round. We have to work hard."

From goaltender Zach Fucale to defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser to Frk, Jonathan Drouin and Nathan MacKinnon up front, the Mooseheads are a deep and potentially explosive offensive team loaded with big-

name talents.

Widely considered one of the top three teams in the QMJHL along with the Quebec Remparts and Moncton Wildcats, the Mooseheads are ranked sixth in the Canadian Hockey League's pre-season top-10 ranking.

When the puck drops on Friday, the Mooseheads intend to pick up where they left off last April.

Said veteran winger Darcy Ashley: "If we keep playing with the same mentality as last year — we've gotten older, we've gotten better, we've brought in a couple of guys — it's going to be a huge part of success."

Healthy Herd?

Flu starting to dissipate from locker-room

The Mooseheads have sent their full roster to Sydney for Friday's QMJHL season opener against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

Although a number of players are still working their way back to full health after a flu-like virus hit the team last Friday, they're no longer contagious and were able

to board the team bus on Thursday.

"Some players are still suffering from respiratory distress upon exertion," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell.

Russell said he wouldn't know for certain until Friday's morning skate exactly who is and isn't able to play.

The puck drops Friday at 7 p.m. live on EastLink.

The Mooseheads also visit the P.E.I. Rocket on Sunday at 3 p.m.

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Huskies' offence still lagging behind

AUS. 'Nobody's disappointed with their effort,' but Saint Mary's has to start scoring



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Close simply isn't cutting it for Saint Mary's Huskies head football coach Perry Marchese.

Although his Huskies have been narrowly outscored by six points this season, they're off to a 0-2 start and face a formidable foe on Saturday at 2 p.m. when the defending Atlantic University Sport champion Acadia

Quoted

"We're simplifying things, but we don't really need to, because he's quite bright and he's picking everything up."

Huskies coach Perry Marchese on quarterback Drew Jacobson

Axemen visit Huskies Stadium.

"I'm certainly familiar with the scores and the point differential, but they're still 1's, no matter how you slice them," the rookie head coach said. "Nobody's disappointed in the effort of our guys, with how hard they're working, or with their heart, but the moral victories are over now."

The Huskies, who led each of their losses inside

the final four minutes, lost 21-16 to the Axemen in Wolfville opening week but lost starting quarterback Jack Creighton to a season-ending injury in the process.

With Jean Legault taking over for Creighton, Saint Mary's followed that up last Saturday with a 23-22 loss to the Sherbrooke Vert et Or.

A heroic performance from the defence and deadly accuracy from kicker Brett Lauther almost carried the

Huskies to a win against Sherbrooke. But with no passing or rushing touchdowns since the first quarter of opening week and a net total of just 130 yards gained last Saturday, the offence needs to catch up with the rest of the team.

"Ultimately, the 12 guys on the field didn't do enough to move the ball on offence," Marchese said.

Marchese won't say who's starting at quarterback, although six-foot-two newcomer Drew Jacobson appears poised to take over for Legault after working all week with the first-team offence in practice.

"He looks very good, he's making good decisions," Marchese said.



Huskies head coach Perry Marchese. JEFF HARPER/METRO

TSN draft rankings

MacKinnon No. 1 on McKenzie's list

Cole Harbour's Nathan MacKinnon has been ranked No. 1 for the 2013 NHL draft by TSN.ca's Bob McKenzie.

McKenzie, an analyst who assembles draft rankings three times per season, unveiled his preliminary Top 10 list on Thursday night and gave MacKinnon the edge over American defenceman Seth Jones.

Ten out of 10 scouts polled by McKenzie ranked MacKinnon No. 1.

"No one's suggesting he's light-years ahead of Seth



Nathan MacKinnon METRO FILE

Jones, but (scouts) are looking at the elite offensive ability, the ability to score goals, unbelievable first-step accel-

eration and the fact that he really did tear up the QMJHL as a 16-year-old on the offensive front," McKenzie said.

The five-foot-11, 179-pound centre led the Mooseheads with 78 points in 58 games and set a franchise scoring record in the playoffs with 28 points in 17 contests. He led the Ivan Hlinka memorial under-18 tournament in scoring last month, recording five goals and six assists in five games to lead Canada to gold.

Honourable mentions on the TSN list went to Mooseheads 17-year-olds Jonathan Drouin and Zach Fucale and former Mooseheads draft pick Adam Erne.

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European exodus not all rosy: IIHF head

NHL lockout. 'Integrity of game' should come before short-term business gains: Fasel

The steady flow of star players to European teams during the NHL lockout could distort national competitions, International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel said Thursday.

Fasel told The Associated Press that he balanced the increased attention for European hockey against potential damage to the integrity of leagues, especially if players return to North America mid-season.

"It's questionable how fair it is to the others (teams) and the whole league system," Fasel said by telephone from Tokyo, where the governing body has its congress next week.

"The integrity of the game is, for us, something very important. It's not just business," the world hockey leader said. "We play the game for the hockey fans, but sport should always be No. 1. Sport should also be about fairness to everybody."

Since the lockout started, players have turned to Eur-

ope to find playing time and salaries until the stalemate between the league and NHL players' union is resolved.

Fasel said it is good for fans to see stars come home, including two-time MVP Alex Ovechkin to Russian club Dynamo Moscow and New York Islanders captain Mark Streit with Switzerland's best-supported club, Bern.

"That is very positive, there's no doubt," said Fasel, a former Swiss league referee. "Mark Streit never played in Switzerland when he was a junior. Now he can come back and play for a top team as a big star — that's a great story."

Still, Fasel acknowledged mixed feelings.

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"We are planning as if they will be there."

IIHF head Rene Fasel on the prospect of NHLers playing at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi

"You have to pay the insurance (for salaries) and we know most of the clubs have troubles with their budgets, so they should be careful," he said. "There are some teams in Switzerland that will never be able to pay half a million and more to hire these guys."

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Seguin goes Swiss

Boston Bruins centre Tyler Seguin is set to sign with Swiss team EHC Biel for the duration of the lockout.

- The team said on its website that Seguin is expected to join the Swiss A League club Saturday and



could be eligible to play next week.

- "Looks like I'm wearing number 9 for EHC Biel in Switzerland till the lockouts done. Excited to play next week. #illmissthebruinsfans," Seguin posted on his Twitter account.

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Alexander Ovechkin enters the rink for a KHL game between his Dynamo Moscow and Dynamo Minsk in Moscow on Thursday. Dynamo Moscow said the Capitals star's contract lasts until the NHL lockout ends. ALEXEI BEZZUBOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Michael Bisping, left, and Brian Stann face off during the UFC 152 pre-fight press conference in Toronto on Thursday. Stann will take on Bisping at the Air Canada Centre on Saturday. MATTHEW SHERWOOD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fighting words fly from Bisping

UFC 152. The Count offers verbal jabs at opponent heading into their bout on Saturday

Local content

Fairview's Roger Hollett will make his UFC debut against veteran Matt Hamill in a light heavyweight under-card on Saturday night in Toronto.

English middleweight Michael (The Count) Bisping stole the show at the UFC 152 news conference Thursday, jamming his face into opponent Brian (All American) Stann as the two posed for photos.

Bisping and Stann stood nose-to-nose, then the Brit leaned forward and edged his forehead into the American's face. Stann moved back a step and then stood his ground, their eyes locked.

When they broke the pose, Stann paused before being the first to put out his hand and they shook.

But the former marine war hero did not remain with Bisping for a secondary pose for photos. Instead, clearly not happy, Stann glared at the English fighter from the side of the stage while a smirking Bisping took centre stage alone to adopt a fighting stance.

Bisping added some trash talk later in the day.

"He put his nose against

mine and it was like an Eskimo kiss, so I pressed my forehead against his," Bisping said. "I saw all the macho-ness drain out of him like someone had pulled a plug in a bath. He looked like a little girl who had got separated from her parents at Disneyland and was wet herself, and was all alone and scared."

"He knows he can't win this fight. He probably called home right away and said 'Honey, I'm not getting a win bonus. Hold off on ordering that new kitchen.'"

"Tweeted Stann: 'Sat cannot come soon enough.'"

There were no such fireworks when light-heavyweight champion Jon (Bones) Jones and challenger Vitor (The Phenom) Belfort or flyweight title contenders Joseph Benavidez and Demetrious (Mighty Mouse) Johnson faced off. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Soldiering on

Stann keeps fighting in perspective

Brian Stann's military experiences and events like his brother-in-law's sudden death put things in perspective, and also serve as a reminder that things are not always as they seem.

"I'm here doing this right now because I want to provide for my family," Stann, a father of two, said of his

fighting career.

Stann has drawn the line recently on discussing his own experiences on the battlefield, specifically the Silver Star he won for his heroics during a six-day firefight in Iraq in 2005.

But he says they also put cage-fighting in perspective.

"The worst things that happens in the Octagon is maybe a broken nose, a busted lip. Really the ultimate injury is your pride, that's it."

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MLB

Anthopoulos on Escobar: 'He knows he screwed up'

The Blue Jays intend to meet with Yunel Escobar on Friday in Tampa, prior to his return to the lineup after a three-game suspension for writing a homophobic slur on his eye black.

"I will sit down with him — and I can tell you it's not the first time I've sat down with him on baseball issues

— and we will discuss (his return)," Jays manager John Farrell said Thursday before the Jays' 10-7 loss to the Yankees, who completed a three-game sweep.

Farrell said the plan "for now" is to start Escobar at shortstop Friday, but the manager hinted at more playing time for rookie Adeiny Hechavarria, which may be the precursor to a changing of the guard at the position.

Farrell said Escobar, suspended by the Jays and Major League Baseball on Tuesday, has been working

out in Florida during the sentence.

"I think he knows he screwed up, to put it lightly," Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos said.

"He's not the first player to go through this. Baseball has had two or three instances of this type of behaviour recently and that is part of the territory. Things are being set up with groups, and Yunel will participate with You Can Play and other groups, but that doesn't change what he has to go through here."

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Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The only way you are going to get things done, and get them done right, over the next 24 hours is if you do them yourself. Fortunately, with your ruler Venus on good terms with Jupiter, you won't lack enthusiasm.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may be entirely in the right but be wary of starting a feud with someone who may, in the long-term, prove stronger and more ruthless than you. Maybe this time it would be wise to back down.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You seemed determined to put yourself to the test, to prove that you have what it takes. But who are you trying to impress: yourself or other people? If it's the latter, you need to change your outlook a little.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Because you are trying to do several tasks at once, things have begun to go wrong. But, being the stubborn sort, you refuse to change. Do you really want to end up further away from your goals than when you started?

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your eagerness to succeed could lead you to show your hand too soon and make it easy for rivals to work out what you are trying to do. Don't tell anyone, not even friends, what they don't need to know.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Avoid petty disputes today. With your ruling planet Venus on good terms with big-hearted Jupiter, the last thing you want is to get caught up in other people's squabbles. Your sights are set on bigger and better things.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will go over the top in some way today but somehow it will all come right for you — which may be a huge surprise. Both financially and professionally, it seems you can do no wrong at the moment.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Just because other people are going to extremes does not mean you have to do the same. In fact, the planets warn that if you go too far today, in any direction, you will regret it over the weekend. Play it safe.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You don't have to be assertive, or even aggressive, to get what you desire. Venus and Jupiter come together in such a way that you can quite easily persuade others to give it to you. Don't abuse the situation though.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Something unexpected will happen over the next 24 hours and it will be the kind of something you enjoy. Most likely a relationship will move to a higher level. Suddenly you are on the same wavelength.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

With Jupiter, planet of excess, strong in your chart there is a possibility that you will take the kind of risk that is best avoided. On the other hand, if you don't take a risk how will you progress? It's your choice. **SALLY BROMPTON**

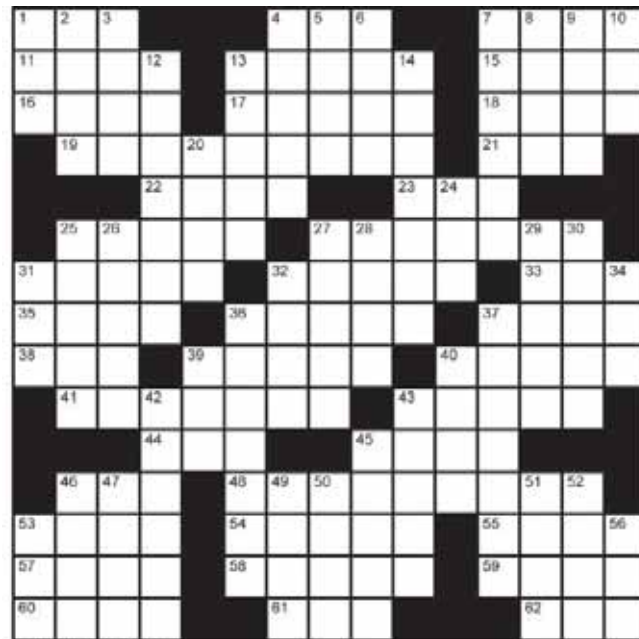
Crossword: Look for Two PMs

Across

1. Male offspring
4. Big Mac holder
7. Alta. neighbor
11. Canadian ____: talent show
13. Bullfighters' garb
15. Bangkok citizen
16. Ontario-born *Scream* star Campbell
17. About 1.057 US quarts
18. At the center of
19. Saskatchewan's largest city
21. Actor Gibson
22. What cabbies and waiters live on
23. Oil or gas additive: initialism
25. Deep valleys
27. See 12-Down
31. Roger ____: Bond player before Dalton
32. Liberal ____
33. High def tape
35. Holier-than-thou type
36. Racket
37. *Daily Planet* reporter Lane
38. Negatives
39. "I ____ Know What Time It Was"
40. Fill the crevices of, as a window frame
41. Internet transmission
43. Becomes indistinct
44. Big truck
45. Back of the bus
46. Sheepish sound
48. Halifax group whose 1981 hit "Just Between You and Me" charted in Canada (#6), the US (#21), and the UK (2 wds.)

Down

1. One of seven deadly attributes
2. Appreciative verses
3. ____ Scotia
4. Prepares a hook
5. Not more than (2 wds.)
6. Fiddler while Rome burned
7. Calgary's NHL team, familiarly
8. "Alas!" (2 wds.)
9. Explore the seven seas
10. Joke around with
12. With 27-Across, 14th PM (1963-68) (2 wds.)
13. Applauds
14. Endowed with physical feelings
20. Cows, archaically
24. Attempt
25. "You'd better ____": "Please leave" (2 wds.)
26. Like a tooth almost ready for the Tooth Fairy
27. Change the wall color
28. Former: poetic
29. Smell
30. Carpenter's supply
31. AOL rival
32. Pea containers



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34. Said singly or in repetition, "Shame on you!"
36. Falls between Canada and the US
37. PM Wilfrid
39. Start of the 19th century
40. Cat's scratcher
42. Impudently bold
43. Alternatives to suspenders
45. Goes up

46. Raymond ____: New Westminster, BC-born Perry Mason portrayal
47. Ottawa-born singer Paul whose first hit was "Diana" (1957, when he was 14)
49. Polo animal
50. 2.5%/year interest, e.g.
51. Tidy
52. On the other hand
53. Gift of ____: conversationalist's forte

56. That girl

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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8	2	9	5	6	3	1	7	4
3	5	7	9	1	4	2	6	8
2	3	1	4	8	5	7	9	6
6	8	4	7	3	1	3	8	5
5	7	8	6	3	9	4	2	1
7	1	3	8	9	6	5	4	2
9	6	5	3	4	2	8	1	7
4	8	2	1	5	7	6	2	9

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	2			7		8		
	4		1		9			
			9			8		
9			3		7			5
	3				6			
			2		8		4	
		5		9			1	
		4			5	3	6	

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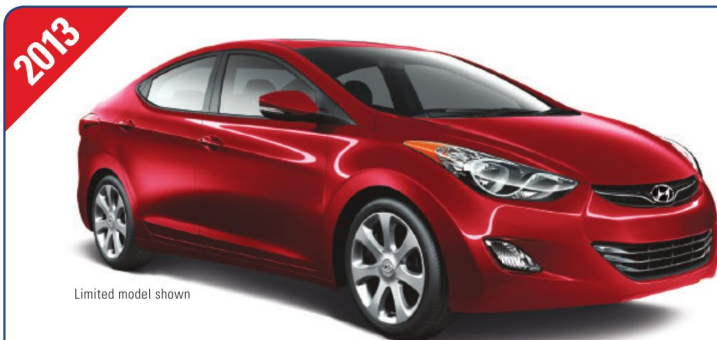
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